

Church plant update and new intern

Downtown Church Plant

Twelve people came to the first service of our second church plant!

Several people told us they heard about the church in Kobari, but it was too far. So they were thankful for a church close by.

In the invitation of the first service, two people raised their hands indicating they were interested and wanted to know more.

Since then we have met with them for individual Bible studies. A young man named Suzuki seems especially interested. Please pray for his salvation.

Valentines Event

Our Valentines event brought in several new people that never heard the Gospel before. Usuda, a young man that I met through our English group, came but didn't respond to the Gospel. A lady and her daughter that the Miyashitas invited, raised their hands in the invitation, indicating they wanted to learn more. Please pray these will accept Christ!

Ladies Outreach

Since January, Rebel has been meeting with four ladies for Bible study. Please pray for two of these ladies, who have not yet accepted Christ as their Savior.

A door recently opened for Rebel to host a mom's group at the church. Please join us in prayer that these moms will see their need for a Savior.

Upcoming events

March 14th is our White Day Event. It will be similar to the one we did last year, but it will be downtown for the new church. Additionally, Easter is growing in popularity here, and we are doing a special service at Kobari to try and draw new people. Please pray that new people will come to these events and hear the Gospel!

Thank you for giving!

With the launch of the new church our expenses were considerably higher, and I made the mistake of worrying that we wouldn't have the funds. God once again proved His unfailing provision for His work. God used you greatly to provide for the needs of this ministry! Thank you for giving to support the work here!



Support for Chris

Last November my brother, Chris, came to Japan to teach an English course at the church, and he did a great job! Every time Chris has come to Japan, God has increased his burden for the people here. Since then **He has prayed about doing a two year missions internship with us.** He believes this is God's will, **and is coming in September.**

I believe in Chris and he has proved himself to be faithful. When I began deputation, Chris took my place at our home church, teaching my Sunday school class and assisting our Pastor.

His internship will consist of Language School, English outreach and assisting me with the ministry which will free me up to focus on the Church plants. **I have included a letter from Chris asking for help with the support** he needs to live and minister here. I have also included a recommendation letter from our Pastor. I realize this is a big ask, but please consider supporting Chris. He is stepping out on faith by coming in September. Would you prayerfully consider monthly support for two years or a one time gift?

Coronavirus

The Coronavirus has arrived in Niigata, and while it does present some danger, it's also a chance to minister to the people of our city. **On March 29, a Christian doctor** we met through Bro. Burgett's ministry in Nagaoka **will teach a seminar about disease prevention at our church.** Since his field is infectious diseases, God has opened a great opportunity for the church. We are praying that we will be able to meet new people from our community and share the Gospel with them. Please pray with us for God's blessing on this event. This event was a sudden opportunity that we didn't budget for, but we trust God to supply.

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Helpers from Kobari

Some of the people from the first church in Kobari have been helping with the new church plant and have really gotten involved with things. This is essential to the growth of these churches, and we are thankful to see people stepping in to help!



Takafumi leading music at the new church



Guys defining love at Valentines Event



Game at Valentines Event



Ladies at the church helping make a traditional Japanese dish called "Oden."

Prayer Requests

1. Chris to raise support
2. White Day and Easter Events
3. Salvation of: Yuki, Satou, Kamegai, Yuko, Hasegawa, Sakata, Watanabe, Yuen, Matsuki, Kawasaki, Koide, Chouko, Hisami, Naoko, Momo, Fumiko Takahashi, Takeshi, Takafumi(saved!), Nagayama, Sean, Suzuki, Maho, Motoki, Sachi, Koizumi, Emi and more.

Thank you for praying! Your prayers really are making a difference!

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