

## Christmas Event Success

**God blessed our Christmas Concert with 25 people in attendance and 37 people at our Christmas Eve service!**

Although, Christmas is not an official holiday here, businesses, parks, and some houses are decorated for the season. Many people will buy Christmas Cake or a special KFC Christmas Chicken dinner. In stores you can often hear Christmas Carols like, "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," and "What Child is This." Unfortunately the true meaning of Christmas is unknown to 99.5% of Japan. Even though Christmas Carols can be heard, it's all in English, and the majority of people have no idea what is actually being sung. So one of the greatest joys I have is telling people the true meaning of Christmas.

That was the plan for our Christmas Eve service, however, Journey and I both had high fevers and other flu symptoms, and because of concern over the Covid situation we weren't able to attend (although we didn't have Covid). But this didn't surprise God of course, and He had already provided someone to preach that service! James Miyashita's Father, who is a missionary to Japan and has spent many years preaching the Gospel here, came to visit and was able to fill in for me. He preached the Gospel, and I'm so thankful that in spite of Covid-19 ramping up in Niigata, 37 people heard the true meaning of Christmas. Many of those had never before heard a clear Gospel message. God did many wonderful things to make it so that these visitors could hear the Gospel! All but one of these visitors came from personal contacts that we made through our Christmas Concert, English Corner, Rebel's Friends, and Rosie Miyashita's friends. Pray with us that they will accept Christ!

## Our Family is Growing!



Rebel is pregnant and we are expecting our fourth child this May! We are so excited to meet our addition to the family! Hopefully by our next letter we will be able to tell you if the baby is a boy or a girl.

Please pray for the health of Rebel and the baby, and especially for the delivery. As of now, because of Covid restrictions, I will not be allowed in the delivery room with Rebel. After delivery I will only be able to see them for 10 minutes, and while they stay at the hospital for recovery visitors aren't permitted (including myself).

## Sato's spiritual growth

In our last letter, I wrote about Mr. Sato coming to church and his salvation. Since then, he has faithfully attended each Sunday, and has been growing in the Word of God.

He also has made the decision to follow in believer's Baptism, and he has begun our Baptism course. He told me that he wants to be baptized in the ocean, and I am so excited that many others, besides those that attend our church, will be able to see the testimony of this Japanese Christian! The only issue is that the ocean is currently freezing and we just got 1.5 feet of snow!!! Lord willing, in May, it will be warm enough to Baptize him. Pray that Mr. Sato will continue to grow in the Lord and that his testimony would bring many other Japanese people to the Lord!

# Hill Family JAPAN



Pastor Taisuke of Lighthouse Baptist Church leading our Christmas Concert



Bro. Miyashita preaching the Gospel at our Christmas Eve service



Kids decorating the church and practicing for their Christmas Eve song



Tiago helping people park and find a seat

## Prayer Requests

1. Mr. Sato's spiritual growth
2. Continue to Pray for Naoko's salvation, and for Tiago as he witnesses to her
3. For the Miyashita's and Rosie as she finishes language school
4. Salvation: Yuki, Sato (saved!), Kamegai, Yuko, Hasegawa, Sakata, Watanabe (F), Yuen, Sean, Matsuki, Kawasaki, Koide, Chouko, Hisami, Emi, Naoko, Momo, Fumiko, Takahashi, Takeshi, Maho, Usuda, Nagayama, Sachi, Watanabe (M), Suzuki, Motoki, Koizumi, Kevin's wife and more

**Thank you for praying!**

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