

## We are thankful for you!

We hope that everyone had a blessed thanksgiving! We sure did! We were able to join two other missionary families for our traditional Thanksgiving celebration. We also planned a special Sunday of Thanksgiving at church the following Sunday. We shared a meal together with the church family, and everyone gave a testimony of a special blessing from God in their lives. It was truly a day for which we are very thankful.

Thank you to each and every one of our supporters. We could not be in Japan and do what we do without your help. Thank you to those that helped with our loss of support and increased costs due to inflation. We aren't at 100%, but through God and His church all of our needs have been provided. Thank you very much!

## Visitors

We are thankful for some new visitors over the last several weeks. One was just traveling through, and found our church while looking for a place to worship. He also joined us for our Sunday Thanksgiving meal.

Another young man, son to one of the ladies in our church, and his girlfriend, came to visit as well. He is a professing Christian, and will soon be moving to our city for college.

We also had a family of 4 visit, bringing their 2 boys to the children's English club on Sunday morning, and staying for the service following. They had never been to a church service before, and have been back to visit again since. Please pray for this family to continue to come and hear about God's love for them.

## Christmas Plans

At this time of year, throughout Japan we see Santa, snowmen, and Christmas trees. There are no nativity scenes. You may hear the Christmas carols over the radio, but these are in English. When you ask someone if they know what the song is about, they answer, "No." In Japan, there is nothing more to Christmas. I overheard a grandmother and grandson talking while enjoying a view of Christmas lights. She said "It's heaven." I pray that she will accept Christ so that one day she may see the true Heaven. It is heavy on our hearts to share with people the true reason that we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please pray the true meaning of Christmas would be demonstrated and shared by us here in Niigata.

Along with our Christmas plans, we are excited to **begin an international church service on December 18th**. This need has been growing in our hearts over the last few years. In Niigata City, there is a diversity of culture and people with thousands of people not speaking Japanese as their first language. However there are currently no church services representing the cultural diversity in this great city. For this reason, in addition to our Japanese services, we believe the Lord has guided us to reach out to the international community by providing a weekly church service. Please pray many more may hear the gospel through this new outreach.

# Hill Family JAPAN



Thanksgiving meal at the church



Family that visited our English kids club



My brother, Chris, is here for a couple of months to help with the launch of the International Church Service. We are very thankful for his help, and the kids are so excited that their uncle can be with them!

## Prayer Requests

1. Church member's spiritual growth
2. New International Church Service launch: December 18th
3. Christmas events
4. Salvation: Mai, Gina's children, Yuki, 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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