

## God's blessings!

God is at work here! The church has been growing. Visitors have been coming. Regulars have really started to pitch in and help.

We've gone from Rebel and I constantly trying to get people to talk with one another, to multiple groups having conversations, enjoying mutual fellowship with a few laughs, discussing their Bible reading and a sweet spirit all day long on Sundays! Glory to God!

Usually Christmas brings in many new visitors, but this year with a crazy snow storm, we are thankful that at least one new person came and got to hear the Gospel. Others that have come in the past returned for our Christmas events, and we had a simple but sweet reflection on the birth of Jesus.

In January, we had visitors each week. With a couple of them turning into regulars.

Sho and Krista have become regulars and started helping with the music. Although Sho just last year got saved, he has grown immensely in the Lord and in his desire to serve in the church.

Thank you to those that saw our message on facebook and prayed for Kevin and Eri's new baby. He was born with an imperforate anus and needed emergency surgery right away. They, as new parents, were of course quite scared. The church here really stepped up in their encouragement and prayer for the baby's surgery. I'm so thankful to report the surgery was a complete success and the baby is home with his mom and dad! Hallelujah!

**In mid-February, one of the kids that has been coming for about 1.5 years put his faith and trust in Jesus!!!** After Sunday school he asked Rebel about believing in Jesus and she lead him to the Lord right then and there! Praise God!!!

## International Church Service

Our first international service had a good attendance, but was affected by a blizzard in our city. Since then, we've been running around 20 people each week and visitors continue to come. Pray through it the international people of Niigata will hear the Gospel.

## Chris' Missions Internship

My brother has been instrumental in the launch of the International Church service and helping with our kids education. I can't believe he will be heading back at the end of this month, BUT God has led Chris to continue to help us here in Japan. In March, he will return to the US to get a new visa and then Lord willing return in March to help us until our next furlough. He is doing this by faith, and I ask that you would consider supporting him as he ministers in Japan. You can contact him at [chill.lbc@gmail.com](mailto:chill.lbc@gmail.com) and support him through our same support address at LBC. God bless you all!

# Hill Family JAPAN



Christmas meal at the church



One of our first International services



Sho and Krista singing a special



Christmas pic with Sho & Krista - Bonus Ocean



Winter fun!

## Prayer Requests

1. Church member's spiritual growth
2. Chris' visa and support
3. Salvation: Mai, Yuko, Hasegawa, Emi, Watanabe, Ruka, Matsuki, Cece, Chouko, Naoko, Fumiko, Takahashi, Takeshi, Eri, Usuda, Hohomi, Sachi, Suzuki, Motoki, Miyuki, Hayung, Austin and more

**Thank you for praying!**

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