

Christmas and New Year's Event Success

We praise God for all the people He brought to the **Christmas illumination event!** **134 people attended across the two nights of the Christmas illumination event. At least 40 of those were first time visitors to our church.** Despite the rain, we still had 34 more people in attendance this year than last year! Praise God! Each visitor heard the gospel and received a gospel tract, and many communicated to us that they would visit for a church service.

And in January, many of them did just that! We had several of those first time visitors join our New Year's services/events, and three new families have begun attending our services on a regular basis!

New Visitors Keep Attending!

Throughout January and February we've had more first time visitors, and the church members are excited! God has been greatly using people within the church to reach out to the community in love and service. So many within the church are growing closer to the Lord and each other! Hallelujah!

Awana

All the kids in Awana have been so excited to earn their Awana uniforms and earn awards for memorizing verses! But one child in particular was so excited to earn her uniform that when she got home she immediately showed it off to her mom. Her mom then got angry about how excited she was about her Awana uniform and told her she was being indoctrinated. Her father is a Christian who comes every Sunday, but her mother is not. This is a hard situation we often see in Japan. Even though the child was so happy the parent only saw it as bad. But then the little girl said this, "I don't know for sure if Jesus is real, but I choose to believe He is and that God loves me." What an incredible witness to her unbelieving mother and a wonderful encouragement to her Christian father!

Awana has also been great for new people stepping in to help and serve. Several men within the church have taught during the lesson time and have been doing a great job! We are so excited about the spiritual growth God has brought through the Awana program!

Upcoming Easter and Spring Events

In April we will have our 2nd Easter event at the new building and we are excited for what God has in store. We are preparing now for an Easter egg hunt and special Easter Church service. We will also be conducting the Lord's Supper for the church members and training the men to be able to do it in the future. Please pray for us as we prepare and as we get the word out that God will work in the hearts of people to come and ultimately be saved!

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Hill Family JAPAN



Kids enjoying the snow!



134 attended our Christmas illumination!



The kids of the church made a video explaining the birth of Jesus. All the parents loved it!



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