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Dear Praying Friends,

As the cold of winter passes, and the new life of spring blooms around us, I am reminded again of that new life that God has breathed into my sinful, dead heart, and the grace that He gives each day to live for Him. *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”* (Ephesians 2:1)

CHURCH GROWTH

Over the past several months, God has continually been bringing more people to our church family. We are starting to run out of room in our small building, and are gradually running out of ways to get everyone seated in our small auditorium.

We have also had a steady stream of visitors that have been brought to church by our church family. In March, we had 17 first-time visitors who came for our regular Sunday services without any special evangelistic promotion.

In our last prayer letter, I mentioned the need for Christian men, as well as Christian families in our church. God is continuing to answer those prayers. We have been blessed to have another family attend our services for the past month or so, who recently have expressed an interest in joining our church. The father, Yuzo Sakai, is a dear brother I have known for many years, and I’m looking forward to see how God is going to use him his family. Please pray for them!

YOUTH CAMP

Every March, we take our church teens to a Christian camp held by another independent Baptist Church about 8 hours away by car. It’s a long trip, but it is ABSOLUTELY worth it! Because of the low percentage of Christians here in Japan (less than 1%), The chance for our youth to be able to spend time with around 150 other Christian teens is so beneficial to them. I, along with four other pastors preached on Purity, the theme for this year, which is vital to our youth. Please pray for the next generation of Christians here in Japan, as they face many obstacles in their spiritual growth.



EASTER SUNDAY

In the past 3 or 4 years, Easter has increasingly become a great opportunity to reach unsaved people with the Gospel for our church. We hold an Easter Egg hunt at a nearby park, and then have a time of singing and preaching about how Christ’s resurrection sets Him apart as the one true God, and our need for salvation through Him. Afterwards, we have a special Easter service at our church. God again blessed this year, with a total of 76 people attending the various services.



We are thankful for your sacrifice, both financially, and through prayer, on our behalf, and on behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ here in Japan. You are truly an encouragement to ALL of us here in Japan!

Serving Him,
The Carters to Japan