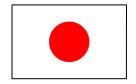


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"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon... But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:24, 33

The weather has been cooler here in Anjo city the past month or so due to the rainy season, however that will soon end. We continue to pass out tracts in our community and pray for the Lord to use them to bring lost souls to Christ. We have

had visitors at church and that is a blessing. Sakiko is an elderly lady that is learning English from one of our church members. She started coming to our services a few weeks ago and she has heard the gospel message. She has a friend named Noriko who is also studying English. Not long ago they asked Ken and Luke if they would help them with their English. Sakiko's husband is Catholic and asked our kids what the difference was between Catholics and Baptists. They replied that Catholics believe salvation and eternal life is obtained by doing works and we believe that salvation is by grace through faith... then afterwards showed her Ephesians 2:8-9. Please pray that they would come to know the Saviour.

In our last letter I mentioned a visitor that came to our church named Ms. K. She was involved in the occult for many years. Some months earlier she renounced her involvement with familiar spirits, according to her testimony, and said that she asked Jesus Christ to save her. Recently she has been asking questions about "tongues and healing" and we have looked at various scriptures dealing with this topic.

Unfortunately, she appears convinced that "tongues and healing," as practiced in many Charismatic churches, are biblical for today. She is involved with a group that speak in tongues and hold healing sessions. Please pray that she will study the Bible lessons we are giving her and that the Lord will open her eyes and understanding to





Getting the good news of salvation out through gospel tracts in Anjo city.

what biblical tongues are (i.e. who they are for and why they were given to the apostles and early church disciples).

Another visitor that has been coming to church is a high school student named Alyanna. She is a Filipina and professes to be Catholic. Her parents attend the Catholic church, but they have given her permission to come to our services. She has been coming faithfully for the last month or more and listens well. She has heard the gospel and we are praying that she will put her trust in Jesus alone for salvation.

Please continue to pray for Grace who lost one of her sons last year in a drowning accident. She is a single mother who is raising three children. She was saved a few years ago in our church and is now seeking the Lord's guidance about returning to the Philippines.

Keiji and his sister Julian have both been coming to our church services more faithfully and have attended our Sport's Days to play basketball. They are 22 and 18 years old respectively and we are praying for their salvation.

A couple of weeks ago, Ken played the piano for our Sunday service for the first time. He did a good job and it is a blessing to see him using his musical talents on the mission field.

We were praying about transferring our church into the hands of another missionary who was interested in serving the Lord in our area. This would allow our church to have a pastor that is always present, since I travel back and forth to Japan and am on the field about 50% of the time. (...then we would focus more on evangelizing in different cities during the time we are on the field.) However, the missionary interested in coming recently had a change of plans and believed the Lord was leading him and his family to another region to help a church in great need, whose pastor went home to be with the Lord. So, with the present circumstances we believe the Lord would have us continue to serve Him as we have been doing the past year. (i.e. traveling back and forth to Japan, preaching to our people via video conferencing every other week when I'm away, inviting a guest speaker once or twice a month, and for us to continue training our people through weekly Bible studies, etc.) Presently our church has been doing well. It has been encouraging to see more people taking on responsibilities and being a help in the work.

We have been renting a room on the 2nd floor of a building just a few minutes from the train station for some years now. It is fairly small and holds about 25-30 people. We have been crowded the last month and decided to move our services to the welfare center where we can rent out larger facilities for the rest of the summer.

Please pray for our church summer camp this year which will be on August 13-14th. We are looking forward to some time out in the cooler mountains, but more importantly that decisions will be made for Christ!

My wife's doctor in Seattle placed her on a treatment plan (a while back) that changed some of her medications and reduced the amount she takes. According to the latest results she is doing alright with this medical care. Thank you for your continued prayers for her.

Prayer Requests: 1) For the salvation of Keiko's sister, Yoko 2) For our Bible studies 3) For decisions to be made at summer camp.

We are grateful for your help and the opportunity to preach the gospel to the lost in Japan!

Sincerely in Christ,

The Brigham Family