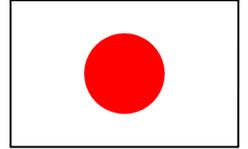


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“Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”
Titus 2:12-13

We have a saved man that has come to our church for several years named Mr. Matsumoto, whom I've mentioned before. Generally, he works long hours and comes to church when he has time off. In his younger days he travelled throughout Japan competing in matches as a full contact kick boxer and won various events. He later opened up a karate studio and trained other young people in the sport. Several years ago, he got married and now has three small children. He is a talented entrepreneur and started four businesses. (After-market auto body parts, a karate studio, a Brazilian restaurant, and a Japanese noodle shop.) A few weeks ago in the Sunday service, he gave a testimony as to how the Lord has been working in his heart. Up until recently he had been focusing on how to make money and expand his businesses. He was so busy working that he was unable to spend time with his family, which really bothered him. Then Covid-19 hit which hurt his businesses greatly. Through it all, the Lord has been using these circumstances and His word to change his heart; he realizes now that growing his businesses and making money is not his main priority in life. His wife is also saved, and they have dedicated each of their children to the Lord and expressed their desire to raise them biblically. Pray for their continued spiritual growth and for the Lord to use them as a witness in Japan.

Our son, Ken, has been working a part-time job at a Japanese restaurant during his senior year. He has been able to witness to Daiki, a co-worker who is an atheist and thinks life is all about living for self. Ken also witnessed to Yuno, another co-worker who had never heard about Jesus, but unfortunately, she has not shown much concern for her own eternal destiny. In a lot of ways these two young people represent more and more the mindset of the younger generation in Japan today. Oh how they need the Lord!

We had a Chinese lady (Mrs. S) come to our services on several occasions over the last couple of months. She saw another missionary preaching on the streets of Gifu city (about an hour from us) and learned of our church. She told me about her belief in Jesus as a teenager in China, but then began to tell me about the visions and dreams she has. One Sunday after service, she told me about a dream she had regarding our church and our people, then gave me the “interpretation.” It was quite bizarre. I gave her some Bible study material showing the purpose of signs and wonders in the Old Testament and their relation to the Jews, then New Testament signs and wonders in the presence of the Jews, and also how the antichrist will perform signs and wonders in the last days. Please pray that she will see the biblical teaching on this subject. (Most of the people we have dealt with on this topic focus mainly on an emotional experience, with little emphasis on Bible verses, or they do not rightly divide the scriptures and claim they have the same power as the prophets and apostles.)

One Saturday we were passing out tracts in an apartment building and there was an elderly lady looking out over the veranda on the fourth floor. I said hello, then offered her a tract and told her that it was about heaven. She emphatically declined and said she was not interested. Some minutes later, on my way out of the building I decided to try and get a conversation going with her about the mall next door that had closed down. Sure enough, that was important to her and she talked freely about the inconvenience it has been. Little by little she became friendly, and we ended up having a good conversation... How easy it is for people to talk about what is important to them. We pray the Holy Spirit will begin to show her the importance of her eternal soul.

May News: Presently the “Tokyo Olympics 2020” are still planned for the summer (July 23 - August 8, 2021). From what I understand, mainly the athletes will be coming with limited spectators. (There will be restrictions on international spectators.) Several prefectures in Japan (including Tokyo and Aichi, where we live) are under an emergency lock-down with travel being restricted due to the increase in Covid-19 cases.

Prayer Requests: 1) For the salvation of Ken’s co-workers Daiki and Yuno, 2) For the salvation of Mr. Kikumoto and Mrs. Kanda, 3) For many of our young people that no longer come to church as school clubs and education have taken priority (...very common here), 4) For Keiko’s eye treatments... At the time of this writing, she is back in the hospital for two weeks of steroid and radiation treatments. We greatly appreciate your prayers for her! 5) For Pastor Doug Fisher’s ongoing health difficulties. (San Diego, CA - Recovering from heart bypass surgery and two strokes.)

Thank you very much for being a part of the ministry in Japan through your all-important prayers and sacrificial gifts!

Sincerely in Christ,

The Brigham Family



Runners carrying the Olympic torch came through our town (Anjo city) and we held up our John 3:16 sign as people gathered along the street.