

The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan



September 2017

“Reaching Forth”

In early July, we were blessed to have the opportunity to **host the annual field conference** for BIMI missionaries in Japan. This year’s theme was “Reaching Forth,” and we focused on encouraging each other to reach Japan for Christ. Sarah’s father, Pastor Jim Townsley, came from America and preached to us for the week. It was a blessing not only to hear great preaching, but also spend time with family.

For the entire summer, we had a young man from Ambassador Baptist College, Caleb Cajiua, **working as an intern** with us. We kept him busy studying Japanese, passing out thousands of fliers, helping with the logistics of the church ministry, and a plethora of other jobs. We are thankful for his willingness to serve.

The summer months were extremely busy for us. We held a **week-long English summer camp** for elementary age kids. Every day, we taught English, played games, ate snacks, and I taught a Bible story. The kids listened attentively to the Bible story every day. Please pray that the seeds planted in their hearts will grow.

From August 2–7 our town hosts a large festival every year. Over 3 million people come through Aomori over those five days. We took the opportunity to do “**festival evangelism**,” handing out gospel tracts to people going to the festival. We may never know if any decisions were made as a result, but it was a great opportunity to spread the gospel.

Over the last couple of months, we have hosted a couple of **get-togethers for college students** at our house. These were mostly foreign students that I have met while taking Japanese classes at the local college. We use it as an opportunity to get to know them and invite them to church. We have been blessed to have a couple of them come to church, and one has made a profession of faith in Christ.

Our oldest son, **Timothy, also made a profession of faith** last month. It was a blessing as a parent to see God work in his 6-year-old heart. Every night, he prays that he can learn Japanese quickly so that he can help his schoolmates learn about Jesus.

On October 21 and 22, we have a group coming from Grace Kobe Baptist Church to help us with a special fall outreach. On Saturday the 21st we are having an **Apple Party**, and on Sunday the 22nd we are having a special “**Kobe Festival**” Sunday. Please pray with us that God will use these special events for people to trust Him.

Praising Him,

Paul, Sarah, Timothy, Karen, Ethan and Joshua Johnson

Mission Statement
Learn Language
Evangelize the Lost
Equip National Leaders
Plant Local Churches

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“From the rising of the sun....the LORD’s name is to be praised.” Psalm 113:3