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Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Last Sunday we surprised Pastor and Mrs. Rich with a special Sunday celebrating two things: their 54th wedding anniversary and 56 years of ministry serving the Lord! They have been so faithful in serving the Lord and in giving their lives to reaching the Japanese people. We are so thankful for all they do in the ministry here and for the privilege to be able to work together with them here in Japan.



Motus Family

The Lord blessed us with three special weeks with the Motus Family as they came to Japan on a mission's trip to help us in the ministry and construction on the house. We are so thankful for their help. For five years about 1/3 of our house and all of our shed not had any siding on it but only house wrap. With the Motus' help **we were able to side the rest of the house and shed** and also organize inside the shed. Praise the Lord, He provided the finances for this and also led another Christian family to donate all the paint we need to paint our house and scaffolding as well. So pray we can get that done soon. We also found a termite problem and are needing to replace some old windows that were causing moisture during the winter to get in, so pray for that need.



Father's Day

The Motus family also helped us with passing out flyers for our Father's Day outreach and Ladies Tea outreach. It was exciting because the Lord led us to pass out flyers in an area of town we had not planned on and for Father's day a new couple, **Mr. and Mrs. Takano started coming to our church** after receiving the invitation. They were going to a Union church that was only meeting once a month and wanted to find a church that they could go to more often and be taught the scripture. Praise the Lord for His leading. **Please pray for their son** as he is not saved and came to church for the first time last Sunday as well as spiritual growth for this family.

Ladies Tea Outreach

Shelly Motus spoke to the ladies who came to our ladies tea. We had some unsaved come and although none received Christ as their savior we believe the Lord was working in people's hearts. We were glad to have Hikaru back from PCC this summer and her unsaved mother came to the tea. Please keep her in your prayers and for Hikaru as she goes back to college here soon.



BBQ and Fireworks Outreach

Please pray for our BBQ and Fireworks outreach on 8/15 at Pastor and Mrs. Rich's house. This is one of our biggest outreaches of the year and many of our English students and families will attend. Please pray especially for Pastor Rich as he shares the gospel message that some would respond to the God's Word and be saved. Also pray that God would give us good weather for this event.

Abigail's Corner

Abigail is growing up to be a lovely lady for Jesus and recently made a decision to be a servant for the Lord. Please keep her in your prayers as she has a big part in our ministry here. She is looking forward to starting 4th grade next week. She really enjoyed being able to play with Hannah and Timothy while they were here.



Other Prayer Requests:

1. Mrs. Okada is trying now to relocate her family closer to church as they have been coming an hour and a half one way every Sunday and Wednesday. Pray they can find a house and get new jobs lined up here soon. Also pray for her son Kazuhiro. He is still very negative about coming to church and bitter about life in general and needs to be saved.
2. Please pray for Michael and Abigail's continued Japanese language study.
3. Please continue to pray for the salvation of our **English Student, Hikaru's parents, Mr. Ishii, Mr and Mrs. Kido's parents and family, Mr. Mizuma, Mrs. Kobayashi, Joshua and Kazuhiro Okada.**
4. Please pray for the Rich's as they go to the states in October to see Pastor Rich's brother who is not doing well. And pray for all the fall preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thank you for your prayers and support, Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel