

The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan



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“We’ve been looking for a good church”

This is the first time we’ve heard a visitor say this to us! A couple recently moved to Aomori and had been praying that they could find a Baptist church to attend. We had distributed a tract in their mailbox last fall, but it was put with other mailings they had received. While gathering old papers up to be recycled one day, a tract from our church fell out of the stack. They were excited to find our church and **have been faithfully coming** to our Wednesday evening Bible Study since finding the tract.

In March, we began **discipleship classes** with several different people. One class is with three people who come to church semi-regularly. They are excited about the opportunity to learn more about God and His Word. Please pray for their spiritual growth. Sarah and Mrs. Canter have also **started discipleship with a woman** who was saved last year and desires to grow. It is a blessing to see what God is doing in lives here in Aomori!

Every March, the Kansai Independent Baptist Bible School holds a **Bible conference** in Kobe, Japan. The whole family was able to go and enjoy fellowship with other missionaries and Japanese pastors. While in Kobe, I had the opportunity to preach and give updates of the work in Aomori at two different Japanese churches. We are thankful for the support and fellowship we enjoy with the national pastors and churches here. Their faithfulness is a constant source of encouragement to us.

Looking toward the future, we have a unique outreach opportunity with the upcoming Tokyo **summer Olympics in 2020!** BIMI missionaries in Japan have begun discussing various avenues of outreach during the Olympics. We ask that you please keep us and this Olympic outreach in your prayers. If you and your church would be interested in helping with this endeavor, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will pass along any information that I have. We are looking forward to God doing a great work!

Another outreach tool that we are working on for this year is creating a **topical Bible** for distribution in Aomori. Most Japanese people do not know anything about the Bible, and our goal is to create a good “introduction Bible.” We have chosen 26 different topics that we believe would be helpful to the Japanese and are including passages of Scripture that address those topics.

Please also pray for the mother of one of our church members who is near death. We have visited her several times in the hospital and shared the gospel. **Please pray for her salvation.** Our church member wishes to do a Christian funeral in order to share the gospel with her unsaved family when her mother passes away. Please pray for wisdom and clarity in presenting the gospel.

God bless,

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

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Learn Language
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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