

The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan



September 2018

Topical Bible Distribution

The Topical Bible has been completed, and we are starting the distribution phase of the project! I've mentioned this project in previous prayer letters, but we put together a collection of topics and Bible passages that we felt would be helpful to a Japanese person who has never read a Bible before. We would like to eventually put one of these Bibles in **each of the 100,000 houses** in Aomori as the funds are available. We have ordered the first 20,000 Bibles and are working at distributing them. We are looking forward to seeing God working through this project.

We were privileged to host a group of nine people from Desert Gateway Baptist Church at the beginning of August. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with them. We kept them busy the entire time they were here. During the week, we spent many hours every day **passing out the first 10,000 Topical Bibles**. During the evenings, we passed out gospel tracts at a large festival called the Nebuta Festival that was being held in Aomori. We are thankful for everyone's hard work and great attitudes. With each of the Topical Bibles that we passed out, we included a response card for anyone that wanted more information. We received one in the mail from a man who is a Christian but is looking for fellowship.

While the group was with us, we also held a kids summer festival. We passed out 6,000 flyers during the week leading up to the event and invited our friends and contacts. We had **13 kids come** to the festival, and I was able to share a simple gospel message. Please pray with us for the seeds that were planted.

We had taken a break from our Saturday English class during the summer, but we started holding those again in September. We have had a good turnout and are excited about the **new contacts** we are making.

The month of September is **mission's month** for our church. Our church is supporting several Japanese missionaries to foreign countries. Every week, we read updates from our missionaries and preach about our responsibility as Christians to spread the gospel. It is exciting for us to see our church members get excited about missions.

We have some exciting outreach opportunities coming up in the near future. **On October 20 we will be holding an Apple Party**. Aomori is well-known for its apples and we use that as an avenue to invite folks to church. Sarah will teach everyone how to make an American apple pie, and I will preach a gospel message. In years past, we've had many people that come to this event that would not come to a regular church service. Please pray that God would use this opportunity to speak to hearts about salvation. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry!

God bless,

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

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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 113:5