



the Scott Family

MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN



January and February 2019 Update:

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

It has been an incredible start to the year! Here in Japan, March is the ending of the school year with graduations, conferences, and many other things. With that in mind, it is time to start planning, and we are so grateful for all that God has done in the past few months. **Thank you for all of your prayers.** Many of you reached out to us over the past few months via email, Facebook, etc. and let us know you were praying for us. We cannot in words describe how grateful we are for it. Let me update you on all that God has done.

In January we resumed classes at the YMCA. Although our studies never really stopped, it was nice having our teachers back to answer questions that we had. This class was a bit different than the first one we took for we had to prepare speeches for the class. It was a great challenge for us but was a great help to me, James, personally because it help form some ideas on preparing sermons in Japanese.

February was a very packed month for us. For our family, it is a time of celebration. Rebekah's birthday, Joshua's birthday, and Valentine's Day are all in February, so it was great to celebrate on those days, but the Lord gave us much more the celebrate. **I, James, had to the opportunity to preach in Japanese** for the second time. My Japanese is not great for I have only been studying for five months now, but it is exciting to be using the Japanese I am learning to share God's Word. Since attending YMCA, we have been working on getting our classmates to church. Praise the Lord that we have been able to see our fourth classmate come to church since beginning the class. **A young girl named "Ryu" came to church for the very first time. We were excited that her whole family decided to come with her.** It was great to see them hear the gospel for the first time, and our church was excited to meet them. They did not just stay for one service, but they stayed for the whole day, including the youth activity after both services. It is a blessing. Since arriving in Japan, God has allowed us to share the gospel with people from China, South Korea, and Thailand. Truly God is good all the time.

Prayer Requests:

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that we are **expecting a little girl coming in August.** We are very blessed and cannot wait to meet her. Please pray for us as we have doctor's appointments and much more here in Japan. We are thankful that the doctor does speak some English. Please continue to pray for our language studies. We are grateful for how far we have come but there is still a ways to go. This summer, our church is planning on starting a short English class for kids entitles **"Kids English Time."** It will take place at our church every two weeks in hopes to help our church connect with some families in the community. We are praying that this will bring in visitors to the church and, hopefully, see them trust Christ as their Savior. Thank you for all of your prayers. Without them, we could not be doing this.

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