May 2019

Hello from Japan!

It has been a fun few months here in Japan. God has blessed in many ways and we are very grateful for all of your prayers for us. With camps, church and activities, Japanese studies, and much more, we are grateful to know there are those that are praying for us.

In March we were blessed to attend the Bible Conference and Graduation Service at Kansai Independent Baptist Bible School. It was great to see many other missionaries again, practice my Japanese speaking to other national pastors, and also see the three students graduate from Bible school. We, also, had the opportunity to go with our pastor and church teens to youth camp. There were over 130 people who attended the meeting from churches all over Japan. It was great to see God work in teenagers' lives, and it was a great time for them to get away and learn from God's Word.

April was a very interesting month for us. We had the opportunity to see a lady in our church make a tough decision. After her parents passed away she received idols in their memory. As a Christian, she did not want to keep the idols. Our pastor assisted her in getting rid of the idols, and we were invited to attend. It was a blessing to see her make this decision. My wife and I also began studying Japanese with tutors. My tutor, a few years ago, moved his family to America to attend West Coast Baptist College. After graduating he stayed for a while before moving back. He is now getting ready to take over his father's church and offered to help me learn Japanese. We are grateful that he offered to teach me. Another lady in his church, who also attended West Coast, is now tutoring my wife. It is exciting to see God work in this way.

Prayer Requests

As I write this letter, we have already held our first "Kid's English Time" at our church. We have been preparing for it for the past few months. God blessed in a tremendous way with seven children attending the first class, and 12 children signed up for the next meeting on May 18. Please be in prayer as we attempt to connect with this family and get them to come to church. Please continue to pray for our Japanese studies. I will be preaching at the end of this month, and with how my Japanese studies have gone, I will be preaching once every month from now on. It is a great challenge but I am excited to be progessing in the language. Please continue to pray for my wife and the pregnancy. The baby is doing great and we are expecting the baby on August 1. We are excited to see how the Lord works over the next few months. God bless!

Pray for our Bible Conference and youth camp.

Striving together, James Scott