



the Scott Family

MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN

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Dear pastor and praying friends,

Hello from Japan! It has been an exciting few months. January and February are the “celebration” months for the Scott family. Not only does it follow the Christmas season, mine and Rebekah’s anniversary is in January, and in February is Rebekah’s and Joshua’s birthdays. Then comes Valentine’s Day. Needless to say, there is a lot of balloons, candles, and cake. But there is a lot more for which we are thankful! God has been working in our church here in Japan during this difficult time and we are very grateful.

January was a very busy month. Here in Japan, the Japanese celebrate New Year’s very similar to how we as Americans celebrate Christmas. It is a huge holiday for them. Many Japanese people will go to for their first shrine visit for the year. This is called 初詣 (Hatsumoude). It is a big tradition here in Japan. To help the Japanese Christians during this time, our church will hold a special New Year’s celebration. This gives them a place to go during that time. We were excited to celebrate with our church. Yet, also during this time, the Japanese government issued some more precautions for the Corona Virus. Many places had to close down for some time. They asked everyone to stay inside (once again). And so, we began doing live services once again. Luckily, it ended at the end of February. But there was a very interesting thing that happened. Often, during the live service at church on Sunday, there would be a visitor or two that would stop by the church. We gladly welcomed them in and invited them to stay. This was very encouraging! Also during the month of January I had a test of my Japanese abilities thus far. It was my biggest preaching schedule that I have had since coming to Japan, in which I preached/taught seven times. Praise the Lord for the opportunities to preach His Word and for many unsaved having the chance to hear the gospel for the first time.

In February, our pastor and I, James, took many trips up to Kato, Japan. This is a place about an hour from where we are. Another missionary started a church there about a year ago and has been renovating a home for him and his wife to move into. We have been going over to help with the renovations of his house and here recently we were able to help him move into the house. God worked out an amazing deal for him with this house and we were glad to help them out.

Over the next few months, I and some other men will be taking some more trips up north in Tohoku, Japan, to take a look at a few more cities. Would you please pray with us for these trips and for God’s leading on where He would have us start a new church. Recently, we have begun our visa renewal process for the first time. It is hard to believe that this July will mark our third year here in Japan. God has been so good to us. We thank you so much for all of your continued prayer and support for us. Let us know if we can ever be a blessing.

Striving together,

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