



the Scott Family

MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN

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Hello Pastors and Praying Friends,

It has been an eventful past couple of months for us over the holidays. God blessed in many ways and we are very grateful for God's blessing. Thank you for your prayers for us. We have seen God at work and we know that it is in large part due to your prayers for us.

In November, Kids English Time continued and we have enjoyed getting to know the kids, as well as the parents. I have continued to preach in our church and this has helped me tremendously with my Japanese.

Many of us missionaries here in Japan gathered together to celebrate Thanksgiving together. It was a blessing to gather and give thanks to our Lord for the things that He has done here in Japan.

With Christmas right around the corner we began planning and inviting folks to our Christmas activities. First, we decided to have a English Christmas service on a Saturday and invite as many English speaking people (or those that are learning English) to come for the service. Second, we decided to have a Christmas Kids English Time. Instead of holding it on Saturday, we would hold it on Sunday during the morning service so that the parents could attend the service.

At the beginning of December, I received a phone call that my grandfather had passed away. And so, my family and I flew back to the States for the memorial service and decided to wait until after the holidays to return. Other missionaries help us by preaching the Christmas English service, and we had three visitors for the service. Praise the Lord! We decided to teach the Christmas Kids English Time via FaceTime so that the kids could see a familiar face. God blessed in a mighty way. The kids got excited about it being on FaceTime. **There were 20 first time visitors in the service!** God is so good!

I was able to preach my grandfather's memorial service and I am thankful for the opportunity. The next Sunday my brother decided to come to church on his own and it was very exciting.

At the beginning of January we returned to Japan and have jumped back into our studies. We have decided to start a second Kids English Time that will be geared towards kids age 6-10. Rebekah will continue to teach the 3-5 year olds and I will teach the older kids. Our prayer is that we will be able to build a relationship with the kids and their parents and be able to share the gospel with them.

Thank you for all of your continued prayers. God bless!

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