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Hello Pastors/Praying Friends,

We pray that everything is well with everyone. With everything that is going on, we are thankful for God's protection and guidance. We hope you all had a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Just like for many of you it was a very busy season for us here in Japan. Thank you for all of your prayers and support for us. Many have sent us messages and cards to tell us Merry Christmas or let us know that you are praying for us, and it is a huge encouragement to us.

November was a great month for our family. Little Daisy Faith was born on November 27 at 19.6 inches, and 7.3 pounds. God blessed and even though the Covid restrictions made it tough, I, James, am thankful I was able to be with Beka when the baby was born. We are thankful for the opportunity that Beka had to invite many of the nurses to church. Some were curious as to what she was watching on Sunday morning.

December began with many Christmas service preparations. The teens in the church worked hard on a video, and all the musicians did great. We put the service on YouTube. With a church attendance of around 30 to 40 people, we had over a 160 views. A young lady in our church let me know that three of her friends watch the service online. Another member mentioned that her family back home watched the service online. God has been so good.

We have a few prayer requests. First, please pray for the church here in Sannomiya. The Corona Virus situation in Japan has been getting worse. Please pray for our church as many decisions have to be made. Please pray for those that watched our services over Christmas. This past year, despite the Corona Virus, we had many first time visitors, and some even joined the church. God worked in a mighty way in 2020, and we are praying for His blessings in 2021. Also, please continue to pray for our Japanese studies. As a



wise man once said about learning Japanese, "The first 30 years is the hardest." Thank you, once again, for all of your prayers and support. Please let us know if we can ever be a blessing to you. God bless.

**James Scott**