



**MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN**  
MODERN-DAY MACEDONIA

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ACTS 16:10

March 2021

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***Danielle's Journey***

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On the 12<sup>th</sup>, we were able to invite Mr. and Mrs. Uemura, our atheist friends, into our home this time for a meal as our first unsaved guests! They have opened up to us so much more than before, and Mr. Uemura has even admitted that our God, Whom we have been telling him about, is so much different and easier to understand than any other gods he has been told about. **We were able to explain to them the purpose of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, as well as what that can do for them.** Mrs. Uemura took a special interest in the testimony tract and **began asking questions about our faith for the first time!** They both had promised to come to the Resurrection Sunday Services at the Senri Newtown Baptist Church; however, we received the unfortunate news at the end of the month that Mr. Uemura's health has suddenly declined, making them unable to come. Please continue to pray for the salvation and health of Mr. and Mrs. Uemura, as now the ground has been plowed and the seed has been planted!

In-person Wednesday evening services commenced this month, and I have been given the privilege of translating these services live from the English translation room. In addition, Sunday school has also restarted, and my wife and I had the privilege of playing an instrumental special and giving our testimonies in the adult class and the young singles' class! It has been encouraging to be told by many that our miraculous entry into Japan by faith has increased their faith. Toward the end of the month, Japan announced its official banning of foreign Olympic spectators this year and that the travel ban could extend into late fall. **We thus had to completely cancel the FBMI Japan Olympic Outreach.** Please pray, as refund hunting has begun once again. Though right now this situation is hard to understand, we know that God is good. We can rejoice that He is working and has a perfect plan in store!

Your friends and co-laborers to Japan,

Go and Danielle Oishi

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