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Hello from America!

Our family was able to get back to the States safely. Praise the Lord! The kids were great and the flight and the trip went smoothly. We are thankful for the time we have already had with our families, our church families, and the meetings we have been able to have thus far.

After spending a few weeks in Michigan with Rebekah's family, we went down to Texas to get settled before taking off on some meetings. Joshua is taking his first semester of school at the Christian school run by our home church. This is a huge blessing to us. We are so excited for him. I, James, have had the honor of teaching and preaching at not only my wife's home church, First Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Michigan, but at my home church as well. I have also been preaching for one church service per month via Zoom; to our church in Japan. After being gone for a month it was nice to see their faces again.

In September we hit the ground running with meetings. I flew out to California to meet with a few churches. God blessed and I am so thankful for the time we had with these churches and the opportunity to see some friends. After spending some time on the West Coast, I quickly made my way back to Texas to get ready to head to the East Coast. We were thankful to be in some conferences where, because of God's blessings and the faith of the members, they had seen some great growth in their missions giving. It was such a blessing.

This past Friday we receive some wonderful news. Long ago, I mentioned a lady name Iwata. She was our first visitor when we arrived in Japan three years ago. She has been faithful to almost every service. She was even giving offerings every week in the church, yet she wasn't saved. She was terrified about what her husband might think if she accepted Christ. Last week she made the decision to speak to her husband about it. He told her that not only would he be okay with it, one day he wants to come with her and listen to the gospel. This is such a huge answer to prayer! Praise the Lord for her courage to step out and speak to her husband. This past Friday, Iwata came to the church and accepted Christ as her Savior and will be getting baptized soon!

October is missions conference season. We are in many churches during this time. Please pray for God's blessing as we travel. We are praying that we will raise 10 new supporting churches while we are on furlough. Would you please pray that we are able to reach this goal. And please pray for the city of Sendai. Our prayer is after getting back to Japan and jumping back into ministry in Sannomiya, to begin plans on moving up to Sendai and preparing to start the church. We are thankful to know that many are praying for us here in the States.

Striving together, James Scott