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Hello Pastor/Praying Friends,

I hope all is well back in the States. For us here in Japan, summer break is about to start, and with that comes many great opportunities for ministry. Before I give the update I want to say Thank You for all of your prayers and support for our family here in Japan. God has blessed so much and we are very grateful for that.

In May, our church took the next step in opening back up since the beginning of Corona. This was very exciting for us! Many were concerned that some would not attend. However, God blessed and we were able to hold two outdoor church activities for both ladies and men. Many attended the activities! Praise the Lord! This deeply encouraged the national pastor. Also in May, Our kids were able to get back into a Japanese nursery school and slowly start picking up the language some more. Rebekah and I, also, were able to get back into some Japanese classes. Please pray that we continue to grow in our language abilities.

June was a pretty exciting month. Rebekah was able to travel to a ladies meeting in Nagoya City. She really enjoyed herself and was encouraged tremendously.

Towards the end of the month we got some great news. Over the past few years our church has grown quite a bit. Some have accepted Christ as their Savior, there are some that have come back to church after some years and some that have moved into our area from other churches. The Lord is really blessing. The church building is getting full and we are in need of some more space. Well, praise the Lord, we believe we have found a new location. Right now we are in contact with the owner and our real estate agent is working on trying to bring the cost down as much as possible. Please pray for that. We are hoping to be able to build a new building on the land rather than renovate the building that is already there, due to how old the building is. And so, getting the cost down as much as possible would be a huge blessing.

Please continue to pray for our church as it goes through this process. Japan is not cheap! However, despite that, the church believes that God is at work and will continue to provide as they move forward in this process. Please continue to pray for our family as we continue our studies in Japanese, as we continue to minister here in Sannomiya, and also, for our future ministry here in Japan as we consider when to step out and start a new church. Thank you all very much!

Striving together,

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