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Hello Pastors and Praying Friends,

I hope all is well back in the States. We are so excited about all the Lord has done over the past few months. Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support of our family and ministry. With our upcoming furlough, our supporting churches have been on our hearts and minds, and we are truly grateful for each one of you.

In March, I traveled down to Kobe, Japan, to be a part of the annual Bible Conference held at KIBBS Bible College. During the conference, the college's graduation also took place. It was a joy to see students graduate and to hear about new students enrolling in the college.

At the end of March and into early April, we began preparing for Easter Sunday. We were able to distribute around 19,000 invitations for our Easter program.

During the Sunday School hour, we held a children's program with various Easter activities and gifts. After the Sunday service, we enjoyed Easter-themed snacks and a time of fellowship. We had 11 in attendance for Sunday School, and one more joined us for the main service. Almost all of the attendees are part of one of the three English classes we hold. For some of the children and their parents, this was their first time hearing the gospel. We praise the Lord for how He worked that day. One man we spoke with, named Kudo, shared that he has been visiting different churches recently and is curious about Christianity. Please pray for his salvation and that he will continue attending church.

The following Sunday, a young lady named Nu attended our service. She had been looking for a Baptist church in the area and found ours through our website. The nearest independent Baptist church is about an hour north of us, and there are only two independent Baptist churches in the entire Aomori Prefecture—ours being one of them. Nu is saved and shared that she enjoyed the service. Both she and Kudo plan to attend regularly, and we thank the Lord for bringing them to us.

At the beginning of May, our family found a new home closer to the church. Before heading to the States for furlough, we will be moving into this new place. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for the move, as well as for our upcoming furlough. On May 25th, we will be celebrating the first anniversary of our church plant here in Hirosaki. It's amazing to think a full year has already passed! Please keep these upcoming events in your prayers, and we look forward to sharing our next update with you soon.

Striving together, James, Rebekah, Joshua, Lily, and Daisy Scott Your missionaries in Japan