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To Prove Love and Forgiveness

Danielle's Journey

Dear Partners in the Work of God,

Glory to God! What an honor it is to represent our Lord in a nation that does not know Him! What a joy it is to live our lives for the purpose of making Him known! Though we saw more victories and temporary defeats in our ministry this month, it is reassuring to know that this is His work, and it is an absolute privilege to get to have a part in what He is doing, both seen and unseen!

Church Plant: In our previous report, we were able to share a major answer to prayer, as Bro. KH, who had been away from our church for a while, suddenly visited us in our church office. We praise God that, on Resurrection Sunday, **Bro. KH joined our church service for the first time in six months.** We were just as encouraged by how **our church regulars welcomed him back with love and grace**, as we have been endeavoring to teach them. The blessings continued as, on the following Sunday, **he joined us once again, this time traveling a long distance from where he had recently moved just to be in the house of God.** Right before the services began, a lady, whom we had never met before, walked into our auditorium, expressing a desire to join our services on the week following, though she was unable to that day. On the following Wednesday, we had another first-time visitor come and stay for our prayer service! However, sadly, that is the last we have seen any of them. Bro. KH once again removed any way to contact him, and we have not heard from him or the other visitors since. You might remember that, in the Japanese language, there is no direct translation for the word *forgiveness* due to the absence of the very concept in its culture. Often, it must be proven by action, and only then can trust be built and the Gospel truly be explained and understood. True forgiveness cannot be proven without first being hurt, and unconditional love cannot be shown without being given a reason not to love. How often we fail our God, and yet His love and grace for us never fails! Our prayer is that our people will come to know of God's love and forgiveness as we endeavor to love them faithfully and serve them unconditionally by His grace and for His sake.

I hope you all enjoyed an amazing Resurrection Sunday! God blessed us with a visitor this year, Sis. TM, who recently moved to Kisarazu! She returned a few weeks later on a regular Sunday, along with Sis. YH, and plans to come regularly in the future. It is always so exciting to see how God answers our prayers by not only continuing to grow His church by bringing more ladies whom I have the privilege of ministering to during the Sunday and Wednesday services, but also by giving these ladies who have been coming a desire to attend our church services and events whenever possible! I was also able to spend a bit more time getting to know Sis. YH when she invited me to go shopping with her on her day off from work. I am thankful for the opportunities God has given me, and I pray that God would continue to work through me in the lives of the ladies who now attend our church. Thank you always for remembering to keep us in your prayers! It means so much to us!

Personal Outreach: On April 13, I was able to reconnect with Mr. DC, another man whom I have been witnessing to for over two years. As I have not been given the opportunity to visit him since last fall, it was a wonderful joy to see him again and to remind him of how much God loves him and desires to save him. Please pray for more opportunities like this in the future. On April 16, Bro. TT invited me to his kickboxing gym where he is a member. Though I was not able to make any new connections on that day, it was a joy to be given a deeper glimpse into his world and to minister to him in a personal way. Every week, we make it a priority to go soul winning at least twice a week, but as I injured my right foot midway through the month, I was unable to go out as much as I would have liked to this month. I am thankful for my wife who not only took great care of me until I fully recovered but is also always willing to go out alone when I am not able to. During this time, I was greatly encouraged by our church regulars who willingly helped set up the auditorium and even drove me in their vehicles. Please pray that God would continue to help our people become more faithful and fall more in love with Him! Please pray that God would continue to help us reach the lost!

Major Praises This Month

- Bro. KH attended two Sunday services after a period of absence.
- Sis. TM visited our church on Resurrection Sunday and began attending our services regularly.
- Mr. DC was witnessed to once again.

Prayer Requests

- June 21: Father's Day Services
- Salvation: Mr. TI, Mr. DC, the O family, the K family, and Miss MN
- Church Regulars: Bro. JP, Bro. MV, Sis. NV, Bro. TT, Bro. MW, Sis. TW, Sis. YH, and Sis. TM
- Church Prospects: Bro. TN, Sis. SE, Bro. RV, Sis. JV, and Bro. KH
- New location for our church to meet on Sundays

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