

We Are Still Just Getting Started

Danielle's Journey

Dear Partners in the Work of God,

Praise the Lord! On May 19, we celebrated **eight amazing years of marriage**, and in June, we celebrated **eight wonderful years of full-time ministry!** We truly believe that we are just getting started and that the best is yet to come. We also believe that it is now time to publicly ask you to join us in our eight-year-long prayer for the Lord to give us a child. We ask you to continue joining us in prayer for fruit that remains as we continue to labor in Kisarazu. In both our home and our ministry, may God find us faithful as we look forward to Him doing only what He can do!

We prayed for God to bring ladies to our church, and now, one of those ladies we have been praying for, Sis. YH, decided to attend the Singles' Retreat this month to grow in her walk with the Lord! I got to sit beside her during the preaching, as well as introduce her to many of our friends there. It was encouraging to watch her make Christian friends and make Biblical decisions regarding her future. I also had the privilege of translating for her first visit to an eye clinic in Japan later in the month. We ask that you keep Sis. TW in your prayers, as she has been in and out of the hospital struggling with her health this month. Thank you for always keeping us in your prayers.

Special: Every year, the Senri Newtown Baptist Church, where we first received missionary training on the field, hosts a Singles' Retreat. This year's retreat took place May 5-6, and **we praise God that Sis. YH, one of our recent regulars, was able to go with us for the first time!** We believe that God did a mighty work in the hearts of all 83 participants who joined together from 12 different like-minded churches across Japan. I had the privilege of leading the retreat orchestra, as well as doing the live translation for the English-speaking participants. **More young adults brought their instruments for the orchestra this year, and for some, this was their first time serving in a preaching service!** Please pray that these young adults will serve faithfully in their local churches and for the continued growth of Sis. YH. On May 8, I had the privilege of translating and recording a Gospel presentation in Japanese for a multilingual video being put together by a fellow missionary friend for the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup. On May 22, we had the privilege of visiting the Gardner family, a newer fellow missionary family to Japan, during their survey trip to the city of Fujisawa, a city located about an hour away from us where they are planning to plant their first church this fall. We praise God for bringing more like-minded laborers to our region!

Personal Outreach: May 11 was Mr. TI's birthday, giving me another natural opportunity to visit and witness to this elderly gentleman to whom I have been witnessing for 2½ years. With each visit, it is becoming more evident that God is softening his heart. I asked him if he would accept Christ as his personal Saviour more directly than ever before, to which he once again hesitated. Upon asking his reason for his hesitation, he told me for the first time of his history of hurt and confusion with a local Mormon gathering. I reassured him that the decision was his alone to make and that it would not affect our friendship. I explained why his soul mattered so much to me as a friend and requested that he would call me when he came to trust Christ as his Saviour. **For the first time, he requested future visits from me to check on him more.** Please pray that Mr. TI will respond to the truth before it is too late! On May 31, the O Family, one of our neighbors, called us over to their home to take photos with one of their newly blossomed trees and schedule another meal together. We praise God for these open doors to witness!

Church Plant: Many of those who were once faithful were missing this month, and on May 24, for the first time this year on a Sunday, no one attended our services other than Danielle and me and the Gardner family, who came to visit us that day, which was a needed encouragement. It served as a reminder that everyone who has stayed around as regulars in our church thus far are transfers from a different church or moved here from a different area. We will always fully minister to anyone who comes to our church, but our burden is for the lost who have never heard the Gospel. We have seen souls get saved in Kisarazu, but in terms of seeing lasting fruit that was reaped in our city, we are still at zero and just getting started. We are increasing our outreach more than ever before in our ministry. Please pray that God would do what He alone can do!

Major Praises This Month

- Sis. YH attended the Singles' Retreat.
- Mr. TI was witnessed to once again and responded more openly.

Your friends and co-laborers to Japan,
Go and Danielle Oishi

Special 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, Bro. MW, Sis. TW, and Sis. YH
- New location for our church to meet on Sundays

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