



Grace Jackson

Serving the Lord in Japan

Dear Praying Friends,

As always, thank you so much for your continued prayers and financial support. Life here in Japan has finally settled into more of a routine and that has allowing me to have more time to focus on language studies and ministry.

In my last prayer letter, I had requested your prayers for the Easter services and the Young Adult Retreat. Both events went very well and I was very excited to be able to be a part of both through the music ministry. I was a participant in the Young Adult Retreat and it was a blessing to me to be able to meet and fellowship with other Japanese young people my age who also want to serve the Lord. During the retreat, many decisions were made including one young lady who made the decision to dedicate her life to the God! In the weeks before Easter, we went out a few times per week to pass out invitations to the service and, praise the Lord, there were many first-time visitors that were able to attend the service! As someone who grew up (like the majority of Americans) celebrating Easter every year, it was a little mind boggling for me to realize that a few of the Japanese Christians who had been saved within the last few months had no idea what Easter was (it is not celebrated in Japan). I was able to explain the biblical reason for why we celebrate Easter and it was so much fun to watch their excitement in celebrating their first Easter after learning that it was because Jesus rose from the dead.

We also held another special day this past month called Friend Day where the emphasis was on inviting friends and family that may not usually come. Pastor Saeki from a neighboring church came to preach a special message and there were again many first-time visitors. Please continue to pray for these visitors that they would continue to come to the church and be able to put their trust in Jesus Christ.

My Japanese continues to slowly improve. I can now have small conversations with people and have officially given my first “presentation” in Japanese. Granted, it was a very small presentation in that I was in charge of decorating the gifts for the visitors on Friend Day and had to explain, in Japanese, to the church ladies how to package and wrap them. It was a very small step but hopefully soon I will have enough Japanese under my belt to be able to assist in one of the Sunday School classes. I am hoping to be able to take the first language level test (JLPT 5) this coming month and would appreciate your prayers that it would go well. I would also appreciate your prayers for Victoria, one of the other Japanese language students in my class, and her husband. I have been able to share the gospel with her a few times and am just praying for continued opportunities to talk to her. She has also expressed interest in visiting the church and I am praying that her and her husband would be able to come soon. Thank you for all your continued prayers’

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Prayer Requests

- Japanese language studies (especially the N5 exam).
- For the many visitors that have attended special days that they would continue to come.
- For Victoria and Aki's salvation and church attendance.
- For many to hear the gospel and get saved but especially for the younger generation.
- Opportunities to witness

Praises

- There were many visitors that came for the first time for Easter and Friend Day.
- My Japanese is slowly improving.
- One lady made the decision to dedicate her life to the Lord during the Young Adult retreat!

Photos

1. Easter with the other missionary ladies and newly saved japanese ladies.
2. Group photo from the Young Adult retreat.
3. Playing a special at Senri Newtown.
4. Ladies special outdoor meeting.