



Grace Jackson

Serving the Lord in
Japan

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your continuing prayer support. Both June and July were very busy months indeed. I continue to attend Language School three times a week alongside the ministries I am a part of and responsibilities I have at the church. I now know enough Japanese to join the church choir and was able to sing with them twice in July. All of the songs were ones that I was familiar singing in English (such as "The Value of One") and it was a blessing to be able to sing them in Japanese. I was also able to be a part of quite a few other special music groups including singing with the single ladies, singing in a trio with the other missionary ladies, and playing specials on the violin. It has made for some rather busy Sundays, but it has been a blessing to be able to serve in the church in this way. I am also now helping in the nursery during some of the services and the 2 and 3 year olds in there have been great buddies to practice Japanese with.

At the end of July, Senri Newtown held a VBS. The theme was "English Camp" as many Japanese parents want their children to learn English and are very willing to send them to an English Camp. In early July we started going to the Elementary schools and handing out flyers to the kids as they got out of school. Praise the Lord we had over 80 kids sign up and attend the VBS along with about 20 parents that stayed with the younger kids! Over 70% of these kids have never been to a church and this was most likely their first time ever hearing the gospel. Since it was an English Camp, everything was bilingual with an emphasis on English and the missionaries were in charge of leading all the different activities and services. Along with the missionaries already at Senri, we had two other missionary families from a neighboring prefecture travel in to help. All of the kids were able to hear a clear gospel presentation in Japanese from one of the missionaries Bro. Ward. I was in charge of the craft preparation and overseeing the craft time as well as the singing and praise time with the younger ages (3-5). Thank the Lord everything went smoothly, and we continue to pray that the seeds of the gospel planted in these kids' hearts would be watered, and that they would be able to come back to church and bring their parents as well. We have already had a few attend Sunday School and we pray that many more will come.

I continue to ask your prayers for Victoria and Aki from my language school class. They have planned to attend a few services, but every time an unforeseeable event has come up that has prevented them from coming. I would also ask your prayers for Daniel, another language school student. He is from a Catholic background and I have been able to share the gospel with him a few times. He has been very receptive and interested in hearing more, asking many questions and I believe God is definitely working in his heart. However, there is a bit of a language barrier as he mainly speaks Spanish and we have been communicating in a mixture of Japanese, Spanish, and English (Thank goodness for being able to google verses in Spanish). Please continue to pray for more opportunities to witness to him as well that he would be able to visit Senri as there are a few Spanish speakers there that could clearly explain the gospel to him in his native language. Lastly, I would ask for your prayers for Yume. She is a Japanese college student that just came back from a year studying abroad in Australia and came to Senri because she heard there were American missionaries there that she hoped to practice her English with. She has some knowledge of the Bible as she attended a Catholic school but is not saved. Please pray that she would come back to the church and for opportunities to meet and share the gospel with her.

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Prayer Requests

- Japanese language studies
- For the kids that came to the VBS, that they would continue to come to the church.
- For Victoria and Aki's salvation and church attendance.
- For Daniel's salvation
- For Yume's salvation and church attendance.
- For many to hear the gospel and get saved but especially for the younger generation.
- Opportunities to witness

Praises

- For the over 120 kids and parents that came to the VBS.
- My Japanese is slowly improving.
- The opportunity to share the gospel with classmates.

Photos

1. Singing with the other missionary ladies in Japanese.
2. Leading the younger kids music time during VBS.
3. Group picture from the VBS.
4. The Gardner family (missionary family from a neighboring church) leading everyone at VBS in Praise Him, Praise Him.