

The Saltzmans Missionaries to Japan



July/August Update

The summer months have kept us very busy and brought along many exciting opportunities. Our prayer has always been that the Lord would allow us to develop friendships and ties within the community that would open doors for us to show God's love and share the good news of the Gospel. We always seek to be out and about in the community by supporting our local stores and restaurants as well as by interacting with other young couples and families. God has really blessed in these endeavors. In July we had the blessing of hosting an elderly couple who runs one of the local restaurants for dinner. While it was intimidating to cook for a chef and a challenge to converse in our limited Japanese, the Lord really just had His blessing on the evening and we enjoyed such wonderful fellowship. We prayed together and sought every opportunity we could to be a light to them. We have invited them to church, but as of the writing of this letter they still have not attended a service. Please join us in prayer that we would be able to reach this dear family with the Gospel. They have truly become like family to us and it is our greatest desire to see them among our other contacts come to the saving knowledge of Christ. We also were able to host another young family with two children. They have come to our home many times, and have accepted our invitation to church on several occasions. They still hold to their traditional faith, but we were encouraged because they asked us if we could pray together before the meal. Even though that may seem small to us it was exciting that they initiated it and wanted to pray together.

Aly was also able to meet a new mother during one of Cassian's check ups, and they have gotten connected and plan to meet together to let the children play. Please pray that this opens the door to invite her to church.

August was a very busy and exciting month, as Aly's family came to visit Japan. It was so exciting to share what we do and our burden for Japan with our loved ones. It is always a privilege to travel the country and meet new people. Often we are asked why we are here, and when we explain that we are Christian missionaries, people often know very little about what it means. Once during our trip we were asked if that meant we were here to perform weddings! Less than 1% of Japan is Christian, many have not even been given the opportunity to hear about Christ. While travelling through towns and cities it was heartbreaking to see all the houses, cars, and people, and know that most of them have never once heard the Gospel. We cannot do it alone. Please pray that more laborers would answer the call and come to Japan. The situation is desperate. Japan needs hope, will you consider coming? Will you pray for revival? We ask for your prayers for us as we continue to strive to reach our community in Teshio, and around Japan.

Please also pray for us as we are seeking to pass our drivers exam in September, it has been a grueling process and often frustrating, but we are also thankful for this opportunity to find strength in the Lord. What a glorious thing it is to find comfort in the fact that God is in control, and in His time He will give us victory of the driving exam. Thank you always for your prayers and support!

God Bless,
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