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Dear Partners in the Work of God,

Hallelujah! Our church plant is going strong, as the Lord has given us many unique opportunities to strengthen our relationship within our current church body, as well as with those we are trying to reach in our city. We are especially excited to give our first report covering our church plant's very first overnight camp activity!

On June 5, two of the young men who have been faithfully attending our church invited me and some of the other men at the church to join them for kickboxing. A total of five of us trained at a nearby park, allowing us to also have great conversations that gave me opportunities to give Biblical guidance in areas where I would not have been able to hear otherwise. This turned into our church's first men's activity, and I am looking forward to planning more activities like this to strengthen our bonds as a family in Christ and give those who attend our church more opportunities to fellowship with one another in a land where fellowship opportunities with other believers are often few and far between. Our relationships with those we have been trying to reach has also been strengthened this month. The KA family, who lives next door, has three children who address my wife and me as friends and get excited every time they see us. We pray that God would give us an opportunity to take more time with them soon. God has already given us such an opportunity with the O family, who lives across the street from us. They are a young Japanese couple who are big fans of the United States, especially its culture. We have been developing a relationship with them over this past year, and we are thrilled that they accepted an invitation to have dinner in our home to celebrate the 4th of July! Please pray that these relationships will lead to these families coming to Christ as their Saviour!

One of our young men, who has attended our church since its very beginning, graduated high school this month, and it was a great privilege to be able to attend his graduation on June 14 (atypical for Japan, but he attended an international school that followed a different schedule). He will be moving to Australia to begin university in July, and we praise God that we were able to connect him over video call with one of our fellow FBMI missionary friends, Bro. Tingson, who will visit him once he arrives and connect him with a likeminded church! The timing of his departure from Japan is a part of what gave us the idea to push to host our church's first overnight activity this month. God has given us a very strong core of faithful believers in our church, and we wanted to create an opportunity for our church to solidify our bond. From this, the Church Family Retreat was born, a church family vacation with brothers and sisters in Christ to strengthen our fellowship and to refresh us spiritually. After researching multiple venues and planning extensively, God allowed us to book a beautiful glamping site with an owner who was extremely accommodating to our group, even willing to set up an outdoor tent for services and receive permission from the neighborhood on our behalf for the potential noise. God also allowed us to book Pastor Steve Carter of the Akigawa Baptist Church to preach for us, and including our families, **God gave us a total of 10 campers for our first retreat!** We left together after services on July 22, spent the night, and returned on July 23, with two amazing preaching services and many memorable activities. It was encouraging to hear that the preaching was what everyone enjoyed the most, followed closely by the fellowship. We praise God that another event was added to our calendar that our church can now look forward to annually!

On the day following, July 24, Danielle's mom came for her fourth visit to Japan! We are so blessed to be able to still see our family often, even after moving to our field of service. During her visit, we were able to visit my aunt who lives on the other side of the Tokyo Bay, as well as have a good visit with Mr. I, whom we have been visiting, praying for, and witnessing to since December 2023. Please pray that God would allow us to patiently continue to witness to souls and grow the believers gathered in our church plant!

Your friends and co-laborers to Japan,
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