

Our Last Month in a Shared Auditorium

Danielle's Journey

Dear Partners in the Work of God,

Church Plant: Thank you for all your prayers regarding our need for a new church meeting space. **We were able to sign a 10-year rental contract at a much larger and more stable meeting place on August 7, as well as secure nearby parking lots on August 27. We will be moving all church services there starting in September.** God has given us more than we could have ever imagined! We are looking forward to sharing more details about our new building in our next report!

Special: This year's Kanto Summer Special Services, a Bible Conference for like-minded churches in our region, took place August 11-13 in 3 different host churches respectively. I was given the honor of being invited as the main speaker for this year's conference, and we praise God that **close to 40 people attended, including 2 from our own church, as well as 2 who are not yet saved!** One of them shared with his pastor after the conference that he finally realized that all the Bible knowledge he had been accumulating would be in vain unless he made the decision to place his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Though he did not make the decision that day, we believe he is closer than ever before! On the way home, Bro. MV shared how he was challenged to stop grieving over how lonely it is to be a Christian in Japan and instead rejoice in the fact that he is saved and focus on reaching others for Christ. Sis. YQ shared how encouraged she was that God is truly at work in Japan, even though it is sometimes difficult to see. The conference was also attended by Miss Meghan Stanley, who spent 2 weeks with us to learn about missions. She was a great blessing to our ministry, and we praise God for the way He encouraged our church in special ways this month.

We began the month by welcoming Miss Meghan Stanley, a high schooler with a burden for Japan, back to Kisarazu after her time with other missionaries. Her willing and teachable spirit was such a blessing to be around as we stayed busy with a conference, made a church-location move, and prepared for an outreach event. During the conference, I was asked to live translate each of the messages my husband preached for the English speakers. It was such an encouragement to know that the messages were able to be understood, and God was able to speak through them! We also had the opportunity to provide several music specials during the conference. Once we returned home on the last day of the conference, heavy rains in our area began. Though this caused us to have to postpone our outreach event, the day it was rescheduled for allowed Miss MO from our English Café to attend with her mom and her younger sister! Please pray with us for their salvation! Thank you for always remembering to keep us in your thoughts and prayers!

A Visitor's Perspective: Meghan Stanley

I praise the Lord for how He worked in my life and for the many lessons He taught me while I was in Japan. The Oishis' ministry was one where everything was done in love, and nobody felt unimportant or unheard. I learned not only how few Christians there are, but also how little the people of Japan have heard about the Gospel. As I talked with many of the Christians at the conference, I learned that many of them have been disowned by their families, lost their jobs, or have been verbally attacked for what they believe. Seeing the kind of persecution they face, as well as how prevalent idol worship is there, changed the way in which I pray for the people and churches of Japan.

Outreach: We purchased the fire insurance for our new church building from our managing agent on August 23, and toward the end of our appointment, our agent asked me how I became a Christian, giving me a natural opportunity to share my testimony and present the Gospel to her and her son, whom she had brought with her that day. Though they did not get saved that day, they are considering joining us for English Café, our new weekly outreach. Please pray that this would lead to their family's salvation! Due to the recent historical torrential rains, which led to severe floods and landslides in our prefecture, we were forced to reschedule the Family Bible Festival last minute. Though there were 8 total deaths in our prefecture, our city received minimal damage, and no one in our church was harmed. We decided to move the event to August 29, which ended up allowing **our first English Café attendee to attend a church outreach event, along with her mother and younger sister**, where the Gospel was fully preached and an invitation was given to trust Christ! For the mother and younger sister, this was the first time ever being exposed to the Bible. Please pray that all 3 of them would get saved!

Major Praises This Month

- We were able to sign a contract on a new church building.
- We had Miss MO, an English Café regular, attend the Family Bible Festival with her mom and sister.

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

Special Prayer Requests

- October 11: 3-Year Church Anniversary Service
- Salvation: Mr. TI, Mr. DC, Miss MN, Ms. EK, Mr. MK, our English Café visitors (Mr. HM, Mr. SH, and Miss MO), and our neighbors
- Church Regulars: Bro. JP, Bro. MV, Bro. MW, Sis. TW, Sis. YH, Bro. TT, Sis. TM, and Sis. KH

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