

Go and Danielle Oishi Missionaries to Japan

**Kisarazu
Hope**
BAPTIST CHURCH

Full-Time Missionaries since June 2018
Current Phase: On the Field, First Church Plant

Sending Church

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The Work Continues

Dear Partners in the Work of God,

Praise the Lord! God has allowed us to enter another year of representing our Saviour in Japan! We are thankful to each of you who have continued to faithfully lift us up in prayer and invest in our ministry. We are excited about what God has in store for our ministry this year, as He has already opened new and exciting opportunities for us. Thank you for your part in it all!

New Year's Day is one of the two most spiritually dark days in Japan, as the majority of the nation crowds into Shinto shrines to offer worship to dead idols, often not out of genuine faith, but out of social pressure and cultural obligation as a Japanese national. For that reason, our church holds a special worship service specifically timed around when the shrines are most crowded on New Year's Day to worship our true God! On our first New Year's Worship in 2024, when we had just begun our church plant, only my wife and I gathered. Last year, thirteen people gathered in total, overflowing our church office space! This year, it was back to just my wife and me. As we began this year praising God as if the room was full, yet looking out into an empty auditorium, it seemed like we were starting again from zero this year. However, between our first two Sundays this year, the five who have remained faithful in our church from last year returned, and the Lord also gave us a **returning visitor from Christmas on our first Sunday!** We praise God that our **Sunday services continue to be attended by our faithful five** and that at least **one person attends our Wednesday evening prayer service** most weeks. Bro. M, one of the young men who is faithful on Sundays, still meets with me one additional time each week to study the Bible one on one to further aid in his Christian growth. He is already starting to **express a desire to be used of God and to become a bolder witness for Him!** We are thankful that God has shown us lasting fruit from the last two years of our church plant that has created an encouraging foundation to begin this year upon.

We are continuing to hold our weekly worship service, lunch fellowship, and afternoon Bible study on Sundays, with a weekly prayer service on Wednesdays. Our Thursdays and Saturdays are focused on outreach, visitation, and personal discipleship. The other days are used to prepare for those services and to plan special events. God gave us an exciting opportunity to **witness to a Japanese college student, Mr. H**, while visiting a missionary friend on January 7. Please pray that he would get saved! One of the blessings of having a ministry that is so close to the Tokyo Haneda Airport is being able to host many friends who are coming through from both Japan and the United States. We are thankful that our house was used to host two of our missionary friends early this month and that we were able to visit with another two later in the month!

The new theme and focus for the Kisarazu Hope Baptist Church this year is "We Have Also a More Sure Word—Take Heed," taken from II Peter 1:19. Our desire for our people this year is that they would fall in love with God's Word, study to know it, and learn to rely on, obey, and be guided by it more than ever before. We want our outreach methods to both promote and reflect the Word of God more than any device or wisdom of men. If anything has the power to break through the hard and difficult soil of Japan, it's the Word of God! We want our people to witness its power more than ever before! Please pray that His Word would truly have free course in our ministry in 2026!

Major Praises This Month

- One visitor from our Christmas Concert returned.
- Five faithful regulars continue to attend our church.

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

Prayer Requests

- Salvation: Mr. I, Mr. D, the O family, Miss NI, and Mr. H
- Church Regulars: Bro. P, Bro. T, Bro. M, Bro. W, Sis. W, and Sis. Y
- New location for our church to meet on Sundays

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