

The Wards . . . Church Planting in Japan



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Thank you for all your prayers and support.

First-time Visitors

In the past two months we have seen six first-time visitors attend! On October 5, Mr. Hirose brought a friend, Mr. Morise Kawaguchi. Then on October 26, Mrs. Midori Murakami came. On November 2, Mr. and Mrs. Ramlogan and their son, Noshan attended. They are from the island of Trinidad. On November 23, Ayumi Yamamoto brought her husband, Shin Suche, who recently moved here from Taiwan.

Tract and flyer distribution

We passed out 6000 invitation flyers for a special evangelistic meeting on October 26. Pastor Hiroyuki Omote preached for us on "Are All Religions the Same?" He pastored the Nishi Maiko Baptist Church in Kobe, Tarumi Ku for more than 50 years. His son is now pastoring, and he is assisting.

There was a good attendance and Mr. Kuramae, our building owner, raised his hand that he believed in Christ, but he has not come forward to profess Christ as Savior yet. There was one first-time visitor, Mrs. Midori Murakami. She is a Christian, but was going to a church much farther away

Special Meeting on November 30

As I mentioned in our last letter, Mr. Youhei Wakimasu came with his wife to tell us about their campground, and preach. In the Sunday School hour he shared some slides and gave his testimony of his call to the work and how he stepped out in faith to become manager of the camp. In the morning service he shared a video of their activities there and a recent renovation project. Then he preached on 1 Corinthians 15:58. We had 11 in the service that Sunday, including two repeat visitors, a Mrs. Midori Murakami, whom I mentioned above, and Marilyn Pinson, a Filipino lady.

Discipleship

Mr. Hirose has continued meeting with me after church on Sunday for discipleship studies. He understands salvation, the importance of the Bible and the nature and purpose of baptism. He has made a decision to be baptized, so we will schedule that soon..

Repeat visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Kamo began attending regularly every Sunday morning since I visited them almost two months ago. It seems they have made a decision to get serious about church. Please pray for their spiritual growth and baptism by immersion.

Mr. Shuuzou Fujiwara has not attended since our last

prayer letter. I have visited his home a few times, but he has not been at home. Please continue to pray for him and his salvation.

Special events coming up

We are having our Christmas service on December 21 and a Christmas Eve service on December 24. Pray for good attendance, first-time visitors, and salvation decisions. We will be passing out several thousand invitation flyers with a gospel message. Also, pray for our New Years Day service.

Property and Building for the Church

We are still praying about property for a church building. We have not found exactly what we are looking for yet. Please keep praying that we make the right choice and that the Lord would supply the expenses when the time comes.

Praises

- ☒ The Kamo family attending regularly.
- ☒ Mr. Hirose's baptism decision.
- ☒ Six first-time visitors in the past two months!

Prayer requests for salvation

- ☐ Mrs. Yagi
- ☐ Mr. Shuuzoh Fujiwara
- ☐ Mr. Hiromu Fujii's wife and family.
- ☐ Mr. Yoshikawa, who sold us our car.
- ☐ Mr. and Mrs. Kuramae, our church landlords: and health
- ☐ Mr. and Mrs. Kageyama, our house landlords
- ☐ Mr. and Mrs. Tokimoto, our real estate agent
- ☐ Mrs. Tsunemine and Mr. Morimoto
- ☐ Mrs. Tanaka and Mrs. Fujimoto and families
- ☐ Mr. Manabu Matsumoto
- ☐ Mrs. Fujiwara, the grandmother of Mr. Komi
- ☐ Mr. Tokuhara, owner of the bike shop where I bought a scooter.
- ☐ Mr. Taro Kuramae, the man who did our plumbing
- ☐ Mr. Taitano's wife and his sons, Owen and Eric.
- ☐ Mrs. Yamada to come to church again and be saved

Other prayer requests

- ☐ For first-time visitors to continue attending.
- ☐ Baptism and spiritual growth of Mr. Hirose. (Hee-ro-seh)
- ☐ Spiritual growth of Mr. Hiromu Fujii. (Foo-jee-ee)
- ☐ Mr. Tomisako to attend church here
- ☐ Mr. Akita and Mr. Kasahara to come back to church
- ☐ Property and/or building for the future of Kato BC
- ☐ God's blessing on Mr. Yuki Fukumoto and Sara.
- ☐ Evangelism of Kato, Ono, Kasai, and Nishiwaki City.