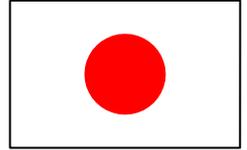




# THE BRIGHAM FAMILY

## *Missionaries to*

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**“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1John 1:7)**

A couple of months ago a young father, Masahiro, along with his wife and three children started coming to our afternoon English services. They are a Japanese-Filipino family, and their three children recently came to Japan. The parents both have a testimony of being born again and wanted to dedicate their three-year-old daughter, Yumiko, to the Lord. The dedication service went well, and several friends and relatives came. Please pray for the Lord to use the message and work in the hearts of those unsaved.



*Baby dedication for Yumiko.*

About 10 years ago an elderly lady, Cheiko, started coming to our church. She was a very energetic and industrious lady who loved to help others. She enjoyed calligraphy, knitting, and even traveled to other countries to help the needy. She had a testimony of being a Christian and often used to say how she loved Jesus. She would take us to some of her friends' apartments so that we could give them church invitations and tracts. As she got older, she could no longer attend services, so I visited her house, but her Buddhist family was not interested in Christianity or talking with me (as the pastor), making it hard to keep in touch with her. Time passed by and we did not see her for some years. Then a few weeks ago, after one of our Sunday morning Japanese services, Chieko's daughter, Shoko, and her son came to talk with us. They told us that Chieko was in a nursing home and the doctors said she would not live much longer. My wife and I visited her, but she was unable to communicate at that point. Within the next couple of weeks Chieko passed away and her daughter told us that it was her mother's desire to have a Christian funeral. The daughter asked if we could conduct it and within a day or two, we agreed to a time and place. For the funeral service a Japanese pastor, Mr. Yamazaki, played a beautiful flute special, my wife gave a testimony, and I preached from John 14 "Gone to My Father's House." God worked it out so that we were able to preach to Chieko's family and relatives (all who are Buddhist/Shintoists) about the death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins, forgiveness, and how we can escape hell and obtain eternal life through Jesus Christ. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts, and that we can be a friend and witness to Shoko.

We had a farewell service for the Matsumoto family who returned to Brazil. We will miss them as they were a blessing to our church. Mr. Matsumoto gave a testimony of how he lived in Japan for over 30 years and had four businesses. (His businesses kept him very busy, and we saw him and his family only on occasion for many years.)

He talked about the Covid-19 pandemic and how it hurt all of his businesses. He had to lay-off most of his employees and had to look for a job for himself. He was devastated, but this became a turning point in his spiritual walk with the Lord. He ended up losing almost everything he had worked hard for; but in its place he was left with time, time to start a new walk with God and lead a simpler life. The family started growing in the Lord noticeably and Mrs. Matsumoto told me how her husband now gets up at 5am to pray and study his Bible! What a blessing to hear! It was a teary-eyed farewell service, but what a joy it has been to be a part of their journey!



*Farewell for the Matsumoto family*

Our youngest son, Luke, finished his 11<sup>th</sup> grade as a homeschooler with us in Japan, while Ken finished his first year of college in Florida. During the summer we have been praying and thinking about the next school year. Our sons will both be schooling in the States and the transition/cultural differences that one goes through can be quite challenging. Transitioning is easier for some while more difficult for others. As parents, we believe it would be wise for us to provide help and guidance to them during this time. There are some health issues that need to be taken care of stateside also. In light of this, the boys and I returned to the States on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Presently Keiko continues her eye treatments in Japan and is helping out with our Sunday school. Our church would still like me to continue as their missionary pastor, so we are planning to base out of the States (Washington probably) for now and commute back and forth to Japan like we did two years ago. (The laborers are few and getting a fill-in/substitute who is doctrinally sound, fluent enough in Japanese, has conservative music values, and available to preach/teach, is something we have not found.) We are praying that my wife will be able to come to the States in the fall/winter so that I can return to Japan. Our church is doing well, growing in the Lord with visitors also coming. We have people in three different areas of Japan who join our online services since they do not have churches they can attend for various reasons (language barrier, doctrinal differences, personal hardships, etc.) While in the States, I plan to continue preaching to our people for Sunday School and church services each week via online meetings. We have three mothers that also help out with our Sunday School and two men that help out with song-leading and some teaching.

We appreciate your continued prayers for us and the ministry. I am hoping to visit some of our supporting churches while stateside. Thank you very much for your generous gifts and letters!

Prayer Requests: 1) For the salvation of Shoko and her relatives. 2) For our church to continue to grow spiritually. 3) For strength, health, and Keiko's eye treatments 4) For our two sons (Ken and Luke) as they study and adapt/transition to life in the States.

*Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts!*

Sincerely in Christ,

The Brigham Family