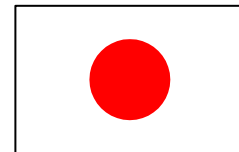


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“But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

At our youth fellowship we had an activity where each group was given a Bible topic with questions they had to answer about their subject. The groups had about 15 minutes to search the scriptures, come up with answers, and pick someone in their group to present the lesson to the rest of us. Keiji and his group had the topic of “Confessing your sins.” As he gave his lesson and used other passages to expound his topic, we were completely taken by surprise to hear the mini bible study they came up with! It is always a blessing to see people learning and growing spiritually!

We had a visitor from the States, Thalia, who came for about a week and was a help and blessing to us in the ministry. She is from Bible Believer’s Baptist Church in CA (Pastor Stephenson) and helped us as we passed out tracts and preached in three different cities. In the States she studied Japanese for about two years and was able to use what she had learned while traveling around Japan. She gave her testimony, played the piano, sang a special, and was able to meet with our young people. Also, we would like to thank her church for the 3000 Chick tracts they provided for us!



Passing out Chick tracts in the neighborhood.

We started teaching English to a young mother, Izumi, and her little boy. My wife and Thalia were able to give her their testimonies of salvation. She was raised a Buddhist and grew up in the city of Nara, which was the old capital of Japan about 1200 years ago. This area is known for its old temples and shrines and many Japanese visit Kyoto and Nara to see these sites and worship there. Though Izumi’s family is Buddhist, she does not consider herself to be one. In fact, she has an interest in Christianity and what made a big impression on her was the kindness Christians showed her and her family while in the States. They helped take her shopping when needed, helped take care of her little boy when she was sick, etc. Please keep her and her family in your prayers for salvation.

A new visitor started attending our services, Miss Hamasaki, who knew one of our church members through work. She is part Brazilian and has been living in Japan for many years. I do not think she is saved, but she has been listening to the messages and even bought a Portuguese Bible that is supposed to be close to the King James Version. She also started coming out with us to pass out tracts, so that has been encouraging. We are praying for her salvation.

When we were witnessing in the city of Nagoya, we met an older man that was from the Philippines but grew up in Japan. His mother was a Christian and she always told him to put his trust in Jesus, but when we talked with him, he had not done it. I asked him why, and he said that he “put the brakes” on making the decision because he has listened to different religious teachings and now is not sure what to believe. (It is not too uncommon to meet foreigners who have been in Japan for many years change their beliefs and adopt the Buddhist, Shinto teachings, and way of life.) We emphasized the need to read God’s word, trust what God has given us, and take that step of faith by believing on Jesus Christ instead of listening to the religious teachings of mankind.

In the city of Okazaki, I talked with three young men in a parking lot who were college students. They all took tracts and had the opportunity to tell them that according to the Bible, Jesus is the only way to heaven through his sacrificial death on the cross for our sins, and that a person does not obtain eternal life by doing good deeds, or by paying money, but is received through Jesus Christ alone. I said to them, is that not great news? One of the young men replied, “That’s the best!” (In Japanese...) I told them they could repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ at any time. Two of the young men, however, did not seem all that interested, so I ended up encouraging them to read the gospel message in the tract and consider what we talked about, then gave them our contact information. May the Holy Spirit bear witness to the truth.

Prayer Requests: 1) For the salvation of Miss Hamasaki and the three college students I was able to give the plan of salvation to. 2) Pastor Yamazaki had lung surgery for cancer and would like continued prayer for his health. 3) Pastor Fujino (in his late 70’s or so) was in the hospital for about three months following complications with heart surgery. The Lord took him to his heavenly home recently. Please pray for his family and his church in Nagoya city as they need a pastor. The deacons are helping with the preaching and teaching.

We are often reminded that the Lord’s work takes place on a spiritual battlefield and that the grace of God in our lives and ministry is what enables us to continue serving our Saviour! Thank you for your help and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jeff & Keiko Brigham