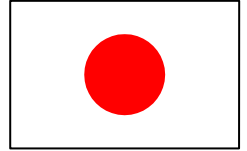


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Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

In December we were finally able to have a baptismal service for Mrs. I. She has wanted to get baptized for the past year, but because of Covid-19 related issues and health problems, it was not possible. The Lord allowed us to use the baptistery of another church and many of our people attended. Mrs. I has come through much grief and sorrow and when she gave her testimony, she cried through much of it. The Lord used her trials to touch many hearts and encourage those who attended. I preached on “Running the Race That is Set Before You” to encourage her and others to live their lives for Jesus. It was one of the best baptismal services we have had. She has joined our services weekly for over two years and not missed a service!

We had our special advent service celebrating the birth of our Saviour. Though we did not have any new visitors for the service, we did have some of our young people come that usually do not come, because they attend cram schools (similar to tutoring classes) on Sundays. (Education is #1 for many parents and young people in Japan.) We have several teens/young people I do not believe are saved yet. Please pray for Keiji, Julian, Hana, Sakura, Masahiro, Yukari, Zurieru, and Zaira.



Our church group / Dec. 2022

I was invited to preach the Christmas service at a Japanese pastor's church. There was a good group of nationals and foreigners present. There was a man in his 50's, who I talked with before the service, who I did not think was saved because of the questions he was asking. I preached on the purpose of Jesus Christ's life and Him being our perfect sacrifice. At the end of the service he gave a testimony saying that he believed Jesus Christ is the Saviour and died for his sins. Praise God! That was a blessing to hear. There was a turkey dinner and a good time of fellowship that followed.

We had another bible study with Kazu (in his 30's) and a young lady named Faith. Kazu's parents were members of a strict Buddhist sect and there were many teachings that he questioned over the years. He

decided to stay away from all religious groups and now considers himself an atheist. However, he sees the increasing threat of wars and a one world global society coming, and this has given him some interest in what the Bible says about prophecy and the future.

Keiko's doctor in Yokohama reduced her medicine too fast and she started having pain in her eyes and the back of her head. As a result they had to give my wife steroid IV treatments again and put her back on a higher dosage of medicine. It has been a roller-coaster for her and it can be mentally taxing. Thank you so much for your prayers! On a brighter note, my wife's visa came through! We are praying that her health will stabilize so that she can come to the States for a time. (I arrived back in the States just before the New Year's and have had some meetings. We are praying that my wife can come in March to be a help to our boys as they make their transition, and that I can return to Japan in April.)

We saw the Lord working in many ways in 2022 with a lot of good things happening. Even though our church in Anjo city is small, we strive to preach the gospel, evangelize in the community, and disciple the believers. Several people gave their testimonies for the first time in our church; we have had new helpers for Sunday school; one of our young men is teaching Bible lessons in our services about once a month; we held a couple of baby/child dedication services, and baptismal; I had the opportunity to preach at other churches in Japan and in the States with people making decisions at the altar. We praise God for the opportunity to serve the King of Kings and anything that is accomplished is because of His grace and mercy... all of the glory goes to our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayer Requests: 1) For our young people that need salvation. 2) For Kazu to understand that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of all mankind and God's answer to man's sin problem. 3) For Virginia to regain her health from what appears to be long-term Covid-19 complications. 4) For Keiko's ongoing eye treatments and her condition to improve.

A word of THANKS to those who have sacrificed to support our family and ministry this past year (...and over the years), whether by prayer, financial gifts, or other. We are unworthy, but grateful to have you as our supporters and helpers in the ministry!

Sincerely in Christ,

The Brigham Family