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Dear Pastors, Partners, and Praying Friends,

We continue to distribute literature every week inviting people to church and various activities, as well as promoting the school. One neat thing we can do in Japan is to pass out BBN Cards in Japanese. BBN is the Bible Broadcasting Network out of Charlotte, North Carolina. Pastor Yorita was the first Japanese man to be gloriously saved as a result of listening to BBN in Japanese. Therefore, we pass out many BBN Japanese cards. It's a blessing that many Pastors in our area are on BBN so the people here receive the Gospel by airwaves.

We enjoyed being at the Kansai Bible School in August. As we look toward 2019, we would love to see more projects being accomplished at the Bible School. Gamagori Baptist Church is a huge blessing to our family while we continue in language school and train in the ministry. Please pray as Pastor Asada continues to guide, lead, and direct Gamagori Baptist Church. Please pray for the Lord to open doors that only he can do. I am reminded of how the Lord said **HE WOULD BUILD HIS CHURCH**. Continue to pray for the churches and their ministries all throughout Japan. Would you consider your time to come and be a blessing in whatever area the Lord has blessed you to be able to come here and assist for a week, month, year, or however the Lord leads?

In September, we went to the Kota Baptist Church new building dedication service. This church has been reaching people with the Gospel since the 1970s. We saw many familiar faces as many pastors and missionaries from the area attended. What a blessing and honor for Kota Baptist Church. Please pray for Pastor Imai as he continues to lead the congregation there. I will also be preaching there on October 21st. They have a vision for 2022, and they are praying for more space, parking, etc.

Because Amy's parents will be coming in October, we wanted to send out a prayer letter now. The next prayer letter will go out in January 2019. If you need a report before then, please don't hesitate to let me know by emailing us at [joshamy51@gmail.com](mailto:joshamy51@gmail.com). I will be glad to send you an update upon your request.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Our language studies - We meet twice a week at our home with Ms. Riki. She is a major help to us! Amy and I needed to go to a noise and ear specialist, and Ms. Riki was able to go and help to translate for us. We are able to understand some things at the doctor's office, but we still don't get it all. She went to make sure we did. What a learning experience for us and what a friend she is to us! Please continue to pray that we might be able to reach Ms. Riki with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



- I will be preaching at the Kota Baptist Church on October 21st. I will also be preaching at the Toyohashi Grace Baptist Church on November 25th and on December 23rd. Please pray for the Lord Jesus to be honored and glorified in the services. These are more opportunities to preach and to use the Japanese I have learned thus far! Pray for salvation of the lost.

- Pray for some upcoming visits. Lord willing Amy's parents will arrive October 24th. Dr. Jeremy Benbrooks is planning to come in December. Ms. Vanessa Whitehead is planning to be here January-April 2019. We are looking forward to the company and the fellowship!

- Please pray for those whom the Lord is dealing with about missions. We know not everyone will go to the foreign field, but please pray for those whom the Lord is calling to surrender. The difficulties we are learning on the mission field are not having enough people and enough workers to do more things like outreach to the dear folks in need of the Gospel. We are spoiled with workers of all sorts in America. Pray for that here. Would you consider as you read this?

May the Lord bless you all, and thank you all so very much for what you do for us. We cannot say "thank you" enough. We owe it to everyone and our Lord Jesus in serving until He takes us home. Until next time, may the Lord richly bless you.

## **Moving Forward By Faith - Deepening Roots, Increasing Fruits in 2018**

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Luke 4:18-19

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