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Dear Pastors, Partners, and Praying Friends,

It was an honor, joy, and privilege to be able to go down to Kobe to the 2019 KIBBS Bible Conference with my family in March. We were able to have fellowship with the other BIMI Missionaries as well as seeing so many other Pastors from around various parts of Japan who attend every year. Three graduated from the Bible School. It was a joy to see their graduation which was also held at the Bible School. With the addition of three more students, the Bible School now has a total of six attending the college. We look forward to Lord willing seeing the graduation of these young ladies and men who have surrendered their lives for service. Please pray for each one's direction for the future. Also our intern, Miss. Vanesa, who has now returned to the states, was able to be there at well. What a blessing!

On Sunday, March 17th, I began the journey of preaching at the Toyohashi Megumi Baptist Church, which is about 30 minutes from Gamagori. Pastor Yamazaki has been in the states on furlough and in his absence, he asked me about filling the pulpit while he is away. What an opportunity that the Lord has bestowed upon me being able to do this. Pastor Yamazaki will return the Wednesday after Mother's Day. Until then, for a total of nine Sunday's, I have and will continue filling the pulpit. With many foreigners who attend the church I am preaching in Japanese and English simultaneously. The lady who normally translates the messages is teaching in the Sunday School class and during the morning service. It has been a challenge but also a blessing. Please continue to pray for Pastor Yamazaki and his dear wife as they travel.

I have had 12 meetings with the two professing Jehovah Witnesses. Mr. Suzuki and Mrs. Sato continue to desire to have studies. This is an unusual situation but I have seen progress in which I am thankful for. Mr. Suzuki agreed a couple of meetings ago that Jesus was God. This is a huge step up from where we were at the beginning of all this. They still have many deceptions though. Also I found out that Mr. Suzuki is the one who is in charge of the Kingdom Hall here in Gamagori, meaning that he is like the moderator of everything. No wonder he is so hard. But I am not giving up on him to be saved, Amen! Please continue to pray for their salvation.

Many graduated from the Hikarinoso in March. A new calendar year started here in April with the start of new classes, new work schedules in the community, etc. We are thankful that our boys still have the opportunity to attend Hikarinosono. Abigail passed first grade and will now begin second grade in the fall. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of our family as we continue to serve, labor, study, and in doing all things for the Glory of Christ.



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We still have a desire to plant a church in Toyokawa if the Lord will allow. Your prayers are greatly appreciated concerning all of these things.

We love you all and thank you for everything you do; prayer support, financial support, birthday cards, etc. Thank you!!! Until next time, may the Lord richly bless you as we all continue on for Jesus!

Moving Forward By Faith - Deepening Roots, Increasing Fruits in 2019

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