

August 2023

Hello Pastor/Praying Friends,

It has warmed up over here in Japan, and it can also get very humid! Despite the temperature, God has done some amazing things over the past few months, and we are so thankful for those blessings. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for our family.

In May, my family and I had the opportunity of taking a trip down to Okinawa, Japan. Okinawa is the southernmost island of Japan. I had the privilege to preach at the Seaside Baptist Church while Missionary Dan Gardner, Jr was back in America on furlough. We are thankful for the opportunity and enjoyed taking some time to see the island as well. Also, in the month of May, our church had our annual church picnic. This event is not solely for our church. A group of around five to six churches gather each year and hold a large picnic/barbeque out on some camping grounds. It is something that is anticipated each year. We are thankful that we even had some returning visitors for the activities. It was a great time of food, fun, fellowship, and preaching.

In June things began to really pick up for us. My family and I had the privilege of speaking at a lady's activity at the Senri Newton Baptist Church. My wife gave her testimony, we both sang a special, and afterwards I preached a simple message on "A Life Without Fear." There were dozens of ladies that attended the activity. We are thankful for God's goodness.

As many of you already know, our family is getting ready to move to Northern Japan to a city called Hirosaki. This city is in the northern prefecture of mainland Japan. Throughout May and June, we house hunted quite a bit, and in June I, James, took a trip up to Hirosaki to look at a few places. Although those places did not work out for us, soon after the trip a house opened up for us and as of August, we will be able to get into the house. Thank you all for praying that we would be able to find a home.

We have just a few prayer requests. Please continue to pray for the construction of the building taking place here in Kobe. As of the beginning of July, they have broken ground and are getting the foundation ready to start building. If all goes well, the architects have said they believe the building will be finished by late November. Please pray for our family as we make this big transition up to Hirosaki. We are so excited to see what God is going to do in that city. The plan is to move on August 17. Please pray that all goes well and that we will safely make our way up to the city. The next prayer letter that we will send out will be written in Hirosaki, and we look forward to it.

Striving together,

James, Rebekah, Joshua, Lily, and Daisy Scott Your missionaries in Japan