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Hello Pastors/Praying Friends,

I pray that all is well back in the States. Here in Japan it has been gradually getting warmer.

With the warmer weather comes all of the great activities as well. First, I want to take the time to say thank you for all of your prayers and support for us and our ministry. I have received many messages and emails over the past few months from people who said they are praying for us, and those have been an incredible blessing to our family. God has done many great things over the past few months.

In January, my family and I took a trip up to Tohoku so that my family could see the city of Hirosaki. I, James, took a trip up this city a while back with the national pastor that we are serving with; however, this was the first time my family had been to the city. My wife was able to see what the city was like and what it will be like to minister there. We were also able to fellowship with fellow BIMI missionaries, the Johnsons. That Sunday I had the privilege of preaching for their church. And it was a wonderful blessing to be with them.

Our Kids English Time has continued to do great. We have had many new visitors come, including a friend of one of our church members and their children. We are praying that they will continue to come and that they will also come to church.

February is a month of celebration for our family. Rebekah's and Joshua's birthday fall within the first week and then comes Valentine's Day. We enjoy the family time. Also, throughout the month we meet with many different architects to figure out which one we will go with. Towards the end of February we made the decision on which architect we are going to work with. We are thankful that they were able to work with us on the price and truly thankful for how God has guided this entire process.

On February 26, I had the privilege to preach for the Bread of Life Baptist Church in Kobe, Japan. This church is located about 40 minutes north of us. It was their Missions Sunday and I had a wonderful time challenging them in the area of soul winning and reaching out to their friends and families with the gospel. I am thankful for the many decisions that were made.

Please continue to pray for the building process. We are now meeting with the architect every week to finalize every detail about the building before we start construction. Please pray that everything goes smoothly. Please pray for the last bit of funds that are needed to furnish the building, as well. Coming up in March, we have a Bible Conference and a Youth Camp that will be taking place. Please pray for salvations and many decisions to be made for the Lord. Once again, thank you so much for all of your prays for us!

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