

TEACHING IN THE MIDDLE

DECEMBER 2023

Merry Christmas! As we celebrate our “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace,” praise the Lord with me as He continues to change hearts!

CAJ: This year’s class of 8th graders is truly a blessing. Yes, they are often challenging, but the Lord is working in their lives. Every Wednesday, several students join the student-led Bible study at lunch time. One girl recently wrote, “I want to know how to love and to be humble to God with everything. How can I show it?” Another has been asking about how to be a Christian. Yet another wrote, “Even when I doubted God for making us wait for a long time on something, I realize that He knows what the right time is.” I love having these kinds of conversations with my students! I am so thankful for God’s timing in all of them.



Fire next to CAJ



Girls praying for family whose house burned

Fire: In mid-October, just as I got to school, I saw flames burst from a house next to our school. For almost 2 hours, I stood at one gate and directed the students back to the playground where many were waiting. Others from the train were guided to a nearby park. As they waited, several 8th grade girls on the playground prayed for the family, school, and everyone involved. I am so thankful that none of the family from that house was hurt. Though the house is right next to our school, there was very little damage to that part of the gym. Our students continually asked about the family all day long since the house is clearly visible from our classroom window. One 8th grade girl wrote an encouraging note to the family in Japanese and the middle school raised about \$500 to give to the family. The photo of the girls praying was also included. In mid-November, the wife from that family asked if she could come and thank the 8th grade students. She came and spoke briefly, but was very positive about rebuilding. Just before she left, one boy asked to pray for her and her family. Quite honestly, the whole class was moved by this whole experience, and we have been seeing a positive change in many as a result. Praise the Lord!

Co-Missionary: In late November, one of our US missionaries, Eri came to Japan. She is Japanese and works with Japanese kids in the US. It was great to see her again, as she shared at our church and we had lunch together. What a joy to hear how the Lord is blessing her work with children in the US! I also enjoyed just catching up with her since I had not seen her in quite a while.



Lunch with Eri (center)

Mission Business: I was reminded to reiterate the change in the address for giving one more time:

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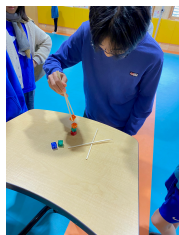
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Please pray:

1. Pray for me as I will have several Japanese friends over during this Christmas break.
2. Praise the Lord that my co-teacher’s surgery showed no return of cancer!
3. Pray for M, an 8th grader who struggles with anxiety attacks.
4. Pray as 1-3 new missionaries are coming to Japan soon, and for several others raising support.
5. Praise the Lord for an alumni who is sharing the Gospel with dozens of teens online!

Blessings this Christmas - thank you for your prayers and financial support!

*In Christ,
Jane Fischer*



Chopsticks stacking dice game

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