

The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan



September 2023

Summer Outreach

What a summer! The past couple of months have been incredibly busy with activities, visitors, outreaches, and summer camps. Amid all the activities, plans to purchase the building have progressed as well. As of this writing, we are waiting to get the final fire inspection done, but **our church has voted to purchase the building!** I will send a comprehensive letter to our supporting pastors, but if we are able to raise \$75,000, we will be able to purchase the building and get the needed repairs done. We have been overwhelmed at the way God has provided already and looking forward to seeing Him work in the days to come.

For the entire month of June, we had the opportunity to **host four students and one professor from the Crown College** in Powell, Tennessee. They were such a blessing to us and our ministry while they were here. They taught English classes through the week, passed out thousands of flyers for a violin concert outreach, were involved in our church services and completed every task we threw at them with enthusiasm. Thank you, Ms. Deeringer, Audrey, Amena, Emily, and Mikaylee!

We hosted our annual violin concert at the beginning of June. **Twenty-five people attended with several first-time visitors.** After the violinist concluded the concert, I was able to share a short gospel message. Please pray for these seeds that have been planted to grow.

Every year in August, our city hosts its largest festival. For six days, millions of tourists from all over Japan and even other countries descend on Aomori. Every evening, a two-hour parade is held with large floats, dancers, and music. We took the opportunity to **pass out gospel fans** before the parade one evening. It was extremely hot, and the fans were very popular. The fans have several Bible verses printed on one side, and our church information on the other. It is a unique way to get the gospel into the hands of people and we are thankful for the good response.

After the festival, we took our family six hours south to a Christian family camp. It was refreshing to get away and fellowship with fellow believers for a couple of days.

We held a summer festival for elementary students on the last Saturday of August. We had **19 children attend** and we had a great time. Missionary James Scott and his family just recently moved up to within an hour's drive of us in the city of Hiroasaki. He made balloon animals for the kids and preached a gospel message for us. All the kids listened attentively, and we are praying for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts.

If you would like more information about the building project, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are excited about the days to come! Thank you for your faithful prayers and support

God bless,

Paul, Sarah, Timothy, Karen, Ethan, Joshua, and Charity Johnson



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"From the rising of the sun...the LORD's name is to be praised."

Psalm 113:3