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As I type this prayer letter, I am sitting in the offices of Gamagori Baptist Church and Hikarinosono Christian School, our new home and ministry in Japan. It is an honor, joy, and privilege to be working alongside Pastor Akira Asada and his dear family here.

In March, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Kansai Independent Baptist Bible School and Seminary. The school is still going strong for the Lord as men and women are being trained every year for the ministry. We are looking forward to many more wonderful days to come for the Bible School.

In April, we moved into a new home and have been busy getting furniture and appliances to fill up our new place. We are grateful to our sending church for sending funds to help with buying things. Everything is so expensive in Japan, but we praise the Lord that he has provided everything we have needed. We are still waiting for internet, so we apologize if there have been emails or messages that we have missed. Lord willing, we will receive Wifi by next month.

Also in the month of April, our evangelist friend, Bob Jones, was able to come to Japan. He preached at Gamagori Baptist Church and several other churches during his time here. Please remember him in your prayers as he returns to the states.

This month in May, Lord willing, we will begin tutoring sessions with a lady named Riki Oba. She speaks perfect English and has agreed to help me prepare my sermons, but she told me she has very little Bible knowledge. This is the case with all or most Japanese. What an open door we have in sharing Christ with Riki! Please pray that she soon will be our first convert here in Japan.

Please keep my in-laws in your prayers as they will be traveling here next month to see us. We are looking forward to their company and fellowship with us.

Your love, prayers, and support are what keeps us going each and every month. We have been in Japan now for 1 year and 4 months and are looking forward to the many days ahead. Many tracts have already been distributed, and we are praying for fruit. Until next time, may the Lord richly bless you!

With Eternity In View in 2017,
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