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**CARRYING THE CROSS TO THE  
LAND OF THE RISING SUN**

November 2017

Dear Pastors, Partners, and Praying Friends,

We have much to be thankful for and to report! In September, we celebrated our new addition. Anna Michelle Durden was born on September 27. She was 7.9 pounds and 19 inches long. Everything went well and she is doing great. Please pray for us as we are in the process of getting her paperwork. We also celebrated Abigail's 6th birthday in September. Time is flying by so fast!

We praise the Lord for his protection through the typhoons that have swept through recently. No one was hurt or lost anything that we are aware of here in Gamagori. God is in control of the storms. In the midst of the typhoons, please pray that the Lord will reveal Himself to these precious folks here. We desperately want to continue to be used of the Lord to change Japan for the Gospel. Many here need the Lord!

Please continue to pray for us as we are having our tutoring sessions twice a week. Please continue to pray for our teacher Mrs. Riki and her family's salvation. We are so thankful to be learning this language, although some days you want to pull your hair out. Sometimes it seems one light bulb comes on but then the next minute about ten more go out. Amy is now writing the Hiragana and Katakana and I am working on Kanji's.

We praise the Lord for opportunities to preach. In September and October I preached at Kota Baptist Church on "When You Hit a Big Wall," and "Let's Stand for the Lord Jesus Christ." We are so thankful for Pastor Imai and this church. In November, we will travel to Grace Kobe Baptist Church in Kobe. They will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on November 19th. This church will always be special to us as this is where we started in Japan. In December our family will be ministering at the Boso Grace Baptist Church near Tokyo. We will be singing, sharing testimonies, and I will be preaching. Pray for a great turnout as Pastor Takagi promotes this Christmas program.

I am thankful for the opportunities to lead the singing at our church. Pastor Asada is really helping us to grow and learn. Please pray for the church here in Gamagori as well as others that we fellowship with in our state of Aichi. Pray for the lost souls that come to church to see what it offers. Pray we can show them Jesus every time.

We trust you and your family will have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. With the holiday season upon us, we are thankful that Jesus is the reason for the season. We will be distributing many tracts and doing all we can to see people come to church. Your prayers, support, and love to us are always a help and an encouragement. We love you all and thank you for what you do. Until next time, may the Lord richly bless you!

With Eternity In View in 2017,  
*Joshua, Amy, Abigail, Joel, Jason, & Anna Durden*

Luke 4:18-19

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