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

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I am full of thoughts as I type this prayer letter. I think about the Peace-Speaker who is always with us, the Predator who always tries to attack us, as well as the Problems that continue to rise in people's lives and throughout the world. I don't think we have long before we hear that trumpet sound. What an honor, joy, and privilege to be serving at such a time as this.

I want to thank you for your prayers for us. Japan has experienced many tragedies within the past few months. The Southern part has experienced many typhoons, and the Northern part had a missile shot over from North Korea. Geographically, we are about in the center of Japan. We have experienced some typhoons, but we are okay. A lot of people are fretting over North Korea's capabilities which is an open witnessing opportunity. This is such a difficult place for people to receive the Gospel, but we know IT CAN BE DONE. First it seems impossible, then it seems just difficult, but then it is done for God's glory.

We have been very busy these past two months! In July, we enjoyed having Amy's parents visit. They watched the kids while we had a wonderful time attending our 2017 BIMI Field Conference. Pastor Asada placed me on the rotation for song leading at the end of July. In August, we went to a children's camp with our church and five other area churches, and over 10 made professions of faith. I was challenged personally and have begun memorizing Scripture in Japanese. Pastor Asada and I attended a Pastor's Fellowship and had the opportunity to fellowship and pray with other pastors. I have enjoyed assisting in the New Believer's Sunday School class. Please pray for Bro. Shibata who was baptized in August. I was also privileged to witness another church baptize six new converts. I am excited about a new witnessing opportunity at our local boxing gym. Please pray for wisdom, guidance, leading, and direction. Our church is celebrating its 57th anniversary on September 3rd. We are praying for an outpouring of guests and for souls to be saved. The Lord is opening up doors for me to preach several times over the next few months, including at a church east of Tokyo for their Christmas program. Please pray for our language tutor, Mrs. Riki, and her family's salvation.

Amy is doing great with the pregnancy. She has not been sick at all, but she has been tired at times. I praise the Lord for my sweet wife and the children God has blessed me with. Our children are enjoying their school. They will be tutoring us before long I believe.

What a joy to report on all that we are getting to be a part of and witness. We know it is because of our sweet Lord, and for the prayers and support of YOU. In closing, please pray for Japan, for God's protection, and for souls to see their need of the Savior. Please pray for Texas as this is where Amy's family lives. We love you all and until next time, may the Lord richly bless you.

With Eternity In View in 2017,  
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Luke 4:18-19

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