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CARRYING THE CROSS TO THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN

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Dear Pastor, Partners, and Praying Friends,

It is an honor, joy, and privilege for our family to be serving alongside Pastor Akira Asada and Gamagori Baptist Church. We certainly miss the dear folks in Kobe, but we are grateful the Lord has lead us to serve at Gamagori. We have faced challenges and blessings these first three months in Gamagori. We started out in our home in Gamagori looking at just the walls and wooden floor. The Lord showed His faithfulness to us and provided every piece of furniture that we needed. We were reminded that when the Lord sends you, He will provide for you.

We are blessed to have had many opportunities to share our purpose for coming to Gamagori. I would like to mention a few prayer requests.

First, pray for a lady and her son whom we met. She is Japanese but speaks English very well. She said her family are Buddhist and that they go to the temple twice a year to pray. She explained that their god believes in getting along with everyone. I understand more and more how the darkness has truly blinded these dear people. I explained our salvation to her, but she was quick to change the subject. Please pray for this dear lady's soul and that we will have more opportunities to witness to her.

My second prayer request is for a Filipino family we met. I was able to share my salvation testimony with the husband. He asked many questions. He comes from a Catholic background and had no understanding of the Savior. I explained to him how he could know Christ as His Savior, but he said he was okay. He wanted to make his mother happy and she was a devout Catholic. Please pray for more opportunities to share the Gospel with him and for the Lord to show Himself to this family.

Please pray for our family as we continue in language studies and as the children adjust to Japanese Christian School. The children really seem to be enjoying their school and are picking up on the language quickly. Pray about the possibility of obtaining a bus driver's license so that I may help with driving the school bus.

Thank you so very much for allowing us to share with you what God is doing not only in our hearts, but in the lives of the people here in Japan. We realize each and every week that without your prayers and support and God's grace, we would surely be doomed. I am often reminded how we deserve nothing but to be in Hell, but thanks be to God through Christ Jesus we can serve Him with all our lives. We love you all and may the Lord richly bless you!

With Eternity In View in 2017,
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