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Dear Praying Friends,

One of the pillars of Japanese society is its tradition of gift giving. Visiting in a home, asking for a favor, or approaching the middle or end of the year should be accompanied by giving an appropriate gift. At our recent Christmas Ladies' Meeting, we had fun receiving 100 yen gifts. Through God's Word we were reminded of the Gift that will last for eternity.

What is this gift? How does one get it? Who is the giver of this gift? We ask you to pray earnestly for people to receive the Savior who came to pay the penalty for their sins so that they can have eternal life. Various outreaches this month include a musical program and dinner on December 23 and children's meeting on the 25th. We will also be helping with music at a Christmas concert held by our sister church on the 21st. Pray not only that people will attend, but that they will be willing to come again and truly follow Christ.

We praise the Lord for spiritual victories in people's lives, even though there have been some disappointments. One elderly man decided he would not continue to follow Christ. However, a husband and later his wife both came to faith in Christ. Unfortunately, they recently moved to another part of Japan because of work, but are planning to return to the area by the middle of next year, Lord willing. We are maintaining contact with them and they have been helped by another good church ministry closer to where they are working.

Our schedules have been different this fall since both younger boys are in schools outside the home. Instead of teaching them at home, we have been keeping busy attending school activities, which has been a good learning experience for all of us. Philip is in the local school and having many good Japanese lessons. He enjoys playing with his friends and we are praying that many of them will come to the Christmas children's meeting on the 25th. We have also invited his teacher to come to the church program on the 23rd. Daniel's school is more of a Christian school, but there are many students who do not come from Christian homes and who do not know the Lord. Pray that he will always stand for Christ and love his Savior above all else. He has enjoyed playing in the band and being a member of the JV basketball team.

We have started sending out weekly e-mail reports of our ministry in Japan and want to make sure you will receive them if you are interested. If you do not presently receive the Japan Journal report, you may contact us via the e-mail address listed above and we will be happy to include you on our contact list.

May you have a Christ honoring holiday season and wisdom to live for Him in the New Year. Thank you for your faithful prayers.

Yours in His service,

John, Becky, Daniel, and Philip