

The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan



January 2019

By Faith

Every year, we make a new theme for our church, and for 2019 we chose "By Faith." I am going to preach on this important subject many times throughout the year. We have a number of exciting things planned for this New Year and are looking forward to living by faith in 2019.

The last part of 2018 was full of **exciting events** and we saw God work in a great way. Aomori is famous all over Japan for their delicious apples and every fall we host an "**apple party**." Sarah teaches the ladies and kids how to make American apple pie, we play some games, and I preach a short message. This year, there were **over 40 people** in attendance. I preached about Adam and Eve's sin and everyone listened attentively. Many of the kids there did not understand the concept of "sin" and I tried to communicate it in a way that was understandable. Please pray that God will work in the hearts of those who were there.

We hosted a Thanksgiving outreach at our house in November. We had 45 people come to our house to eat a traditional American Thanksgiving meal. Sarah began cooking a week before the event and everyone loved the food. I was able to share a brief history of Thanksgiving and why we are thankful to God for everything we have. In a first for us, we had **five Japanese dads** attend. Typically, the moms and kids are more open to coming to our house or church and it was a great opportunity for us to meet their husbands and get to know them.

Like many churches, Christmas was a very busy time for us. We held a **Christmas Cookie** party on December 8 and **39 people** came. It was a blessing to share the Christmas story from the Bible with everyone there. We also put on a **Christmas concert** on December 16. We held the concert at a music café in downtown Aomori. We were blessed to have **35 people** come, 20 of them not associated with our church at all. Once again, I was able to share a basic Christmas story and it was well received. We had a **Christmas party** for our English class kids at our house on the 22nd with over **30 kids and moms** coming. Using a candy cane, I once again shared the gospel.

Much of our ministry in Japan is planting seeds and we planted many seeds of the gospel over Christmas. We hosted a **Christmas Eve party** for college kids and young adults. There were over **20 young people** there and they all heard the gospel. Over the month of December, we were able to share the gospel with over 80 separate people. We planted and watered and are praying that God does the work that only He can do and give the increase. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our family.

God bless,

Paul, Sarah, Timothy, Karen, Ethan and Joshua Johnson

Mission Statement

Learn Language
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Equip National Leaders
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"From the rising of the sun....the LORD's name is to be praised." Psalm 113:3