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Loving God, Loving People

This is the theme we have chosen for our church this year, and we are seeking to make it the motto of our lives as well. Our main priority is to love God and show that love to others.

We ended 2019 with **several great events** and opportunities to share the gospel with many people. At the end of October, we held an Apple Party outreach. Our city of Aomori is well-known throughout Japan for their apples, and we use this as an opportunity to share the gospel. We were thrilled to have **32 people come**. We made American apple pies and played games; and our partner here, Steve Canter, shared the gospel. During the month of November, we had a special meeting for the purpose of encouraging our church members. We had Pastor Hirayama from the Fukushima area come and preach for us. We enjoyed three days of fellowship and Pastor Hirayama greatly encouraged our church members.

Every year, we have a **traditional Thanksgiving supper** and invite friends. This year, we had **almost 40 people** at our house for this supper. I was able to share a short testimony about Thanksgiving and the reason we can be thankful.

Christmas is always a busy time for us and is typically a time when people are more open to hearing about God. People are curious about the meaning of Christmas and Christianity in general. We take this curiosity and use every opportunity available to share the gospel. We had a very busy but rewarding Christmas season.

On December 14 we held a **Christmas cookie party** for Elementary age kids. Before the party, we received permission to hand out flyers in front of an elementary school close to the church. We were pleasantly surprised by how many kids wanted to take a flyer and we passed out hundreds of flyers. Although none of those kids came to the party, we will continue to invite kids from this school. We did have many of our personal contacts and friends attend the Christmas cookie party, and I was able to share the Christmas story with everyone. All the kids listened very attentively.

We had a special Christmas service on December 22. We invited many of our friends and were excited to have two new families attend. We had a full church building with **over 20 people** in attendance. We sang traditional Christmas songs, Sarah and I played some special music, and I shared the gospel.

This year, Sarah and I put on a Christmas Eve music concert at a local music café. This is the first time we've done this on Christmas Eve and were not sure what to expect, but we had **over 30 people** attend with about half of them having no relationship with our church. In between songs, I was able to explain various aspects of the Christmas story. From Thanksgiving through Christmas, we were able to share the gospel with **over 100 different people**.

God bless,

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

“From the rising of the sun...the LORD’s name is to be praised.” Psalm 113:3