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Coronavirus Blessings

To say that the past six months have been unprecedented would be a gross understatement. As is the case with many of you in America, we have had to change our schedules and lives during this COVID-19 pandemic. For about two months, we could only hold online services and were not able to do any Bible studies, English classes, etc... While it has been challenging, God has also blessed and worked during this time in ways that we would not normally see. I would like to share a few of these Coronavirus blessings.

Two years ago, we began distributing a Topical Bible to the areas around our church. With every Bible, we included a postcard response card for people to mail to us if they would like to receive more information. We have distributed about 20,000 but have gotten very little response. After the quarantine went into effect, we received one of those postcards from an area where we had distributed Bibles two years ago. Someone had held onto the Bible and waited two years to read it. Whether it was from the extra time someone had as a result of the coronavirus or not we do not know, but it was a blessing.

Beginning in April, we started livestreaming our services for those who were stuck at home. For those who could not join the livestream, we made a DVD of the service and delivered it to them Sunday evening. We have had people watching the livestream who are not able to come physically because of work schedules. When we began holding in-person services again in June, these people continued to join us via livestream.

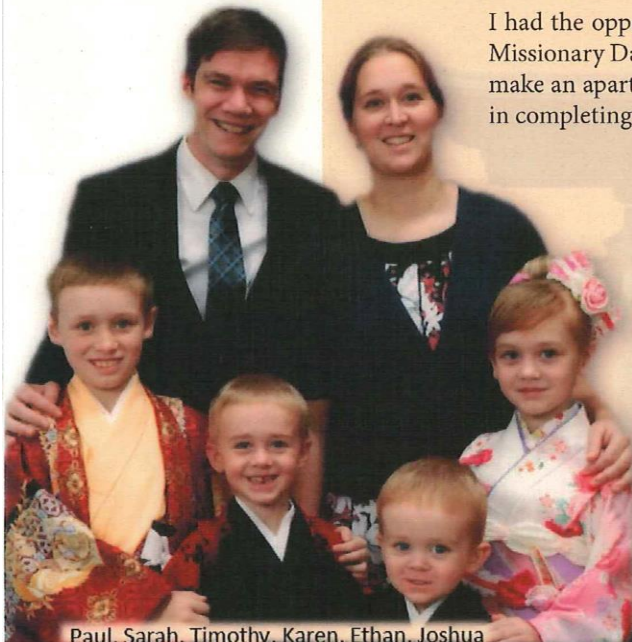
We have heard of at least three husbands or family members of our church members that have watched our services. We are thankful that the gospel is getting to people that have shown no interest in hearing about spiritual things up to this point. Please pray that the gospel will work in their hearts.

I had the opportunity to travel to Okinawa for two weeks at the beginning of June. Missionary Dan Gardner has been renovating the 2nd floor of their church building to make an apartment for the Japanese pastor of their church. I was able to assist them in completing some of the renovations and enjoyed a great time of fellowship as well.

As we look toward the rest of the year, we have much to pray about as we are seeking to restart regular scheduled ministries. On August 8 we have scheduled a violin concert to take place. A Christian professional violinist from Osaka will be performing the concert for us. It is a great opportunity to share the gospel with people that would otherwise not have a chance to hear. Please pray with us for this event.

God bless,

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



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“From the rising of the sun...the LORD’s name is to be