



# Japan Prayer Fuel

JANUARY, 2016



Many Japanese people visit a shrine on New Year's day to pray for protection and blessing in the coming year. But who are they praying to?

They don't know the loving and merciful God in heaven who is longing to save them. May they meet Japanese Christians or missionaries who can lead them to the Saviour.

## Hiragishi Izumi Church, Sapporo

Praise for the baptism of K.U., and the seed sown in December, especially for a good family Christmas event and good reception of gifts and tracts. Please pray for the future of the team as the Easts (team leader) begin to phase out from next month to prepare for their home assignment. The church needs a suitable building/meeting place.

## Hokuei Church, Sapporo

Give praise for many non-Christians at Christmas events and for continuing contact. Pray that 4 ladies in seeker Bible studies who are believing will be baptised in 2016 – Mrs GF (40), identical twins M and Y, Ms TW (48).

“Hope for Business” distribution (fliers handed out to business people at stations) continues through the winter – pray for changed lives among the regular readers. The Pains have a chance to meet two families this month – pray for their salvation.

## Kutchan Church

Praise for the encouragement of seeing not-yet-believing family members of church members at Christmas events. Pray that they would have the desire (and courage) to keep attending in the New Year. Praise too that the Baby English Class has been well attended. Please pray that the mums would continue to want to come back after the Christmas break (despite the snow!).

## Sapporo International Church

Estelle Lee is delighted to have 4 non-believers who will begin bilingual Bible studies with her in January. Three of them are members of a weekly “Working people” club, and one is a very keen young woman who has been coming to church for a while. Pray that the Holy Spirit bring conviction and conversion of hearts as they study and share.

## Hirosaki Nozomi Church

Praise for the first baptism in the church. Pray for Mrs S. to grow. Pray for her daughter and for Mr K. who plan to get baptized early in the new year. Praise for special outreach classes, kids' meeting and Eve service. Pray for deepening of relationships and opening of hearts of around 40 unsaved who hear weekly Bible talks. Pray for parenting classes beginning in 2016 and for Father-Son monthly outreach.

## Kisarazu Hatazawa

Give thanks to God for bringing 80 non-church people to their first ever Christmas concerts held in the church. Three young, yet-to-be Christian mums with their little ones enjoy a new playgroup outreach. Please pray for the salvation of seekers and baptisms of new believers. May 2016 be the year that they see unsaved spouses of church members start seeking the Lord.

## Sendai Evangelical Christian Church

Praise God for opportunities to share the good news over the Christmas period. Joanna Wong frequents a local cafe and has gotten to know the owner, Tomoko. Please pray for softness of heart and the opportunity to share bible stories with her.

## Tokyo Outreaches

Pray for The Ultimate Victory's sports ministry as they begin to mobilize Christians to minister for 2019 Rugby World Cup and 2020 Olympics. Pray for follow-up of over 1,400 people who made decisions for Christ at the Celebration of Love with Franklin Graham.

## Germany

Markus and Conny Neitzel reach out to Japanese in Germany. They give thanks for Mrs. Tsuruki who attended a Christmas service for the first time, and the Taniguchis who are very open. Pray for fruit from 3000 Japanese bible calendars printed in Germany for the first time ever. The Neitzels reach out to Japanese athletes during ski jumping events Jan 1 and 10, and the Table Tennis German Open 28-31.