



Japan Prayer Fuel

April, 2016



Spring is in the air! The gradual progress of the ethereal cherry blossoms from the south of the archipelago up to Hokkaido is celebrated throughout the country. Please pray that people would get to know the Creator of this fleeting beauty and praise Him whose glory doesn't fade.

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Hiragishi Izumi Church, Sapporo

Please do pray for encouragement and a place where the young church plant can meet. The team keeps on searching for suitable meeting rooms and gets turned down constantly. Please pray that the church members keep on praying and trusting that God's timing is perfect. They will have a members meeting this month to get the church members more involved in running the church and hope that everybody will be mutually blessed using their gifts.

Hokuei Church, Sapporo

Miriam Davis asks for prayer that 4 ladies in Bible studies and seemingly believing will be baptised in 2016 : Mrs GF (40), identical twins M and Y (37), Ms TW (48). Praise for 7 others at different stages in Bible study, particularly wheel chair bound 80 year old Mrs Tsujita in an old people's home.

Grace Church, Nayoro

The Walkers thank the Lord for guiding and sustaining the church plant over its first 2 years. However, the church still needs a Japanese pastor. Pastor Kito, who has overseen the work until now, hands over to Pastor Yoshida. Pray it would go well. The Walkers are excited that 2 girls from Christian families are starting at Nayoro University this month. Pray they'd settle into Nayoro and the church well and grow in their faith over the years they are here.

House Churches Ministry, Greater Tokyo

Praise God: Some ladies from the Tokorozawa Cocos English bible study group seem to be showing signs of spiritual awakening. The team was able to reconnect with Mrs G, Tokorozawa house church member, who was admitted into an elderly care facility. Pray for Mrs S to have strength and wisdom to follow up on all these ladies. Praise for enthusiastic mums and kids coming to Kids' club and pray for gospel opportunities.

Kisarazu Hatazawa

May the church and the missionary team have expectant faith as they pray and prepare for God to provide a pastor by Spring 2017. The search committee needs discernment and guidance as they consider potential candidates. In this critical time for the church, pray for protection from Satan's attacks and the preservation of loving unity.

Evangelical Christian Church, Sendai

The church members agreed unanimously to look for land to buy for a church. Pray for God to guide them to the right spot. The shop they rent at present is really too small. They intend to advertise widely to invite to their church plant at Gamo/Arai. Pray for Mrs 'Redfield' and Mr 'Shining Well' having baptism classes. Pray for 3 temporary housing units in Natori, still full of people, where they have good reception.

Nozomi Church, Hirosaki

Matt Tindale's language helper is attending church regularly but has severe practical difficulties in life at present; please pray he will trust the promises of Luke 12 and see God providing for him. Judith has lots of contact with mums; pray for opportunities to connect them to church and the gospel. One lady's husband is interested in English classes but difficult to connect him in.

Thank you for praying!

Praise God the Shums' (deputy Sapporo Guest Home managers) visas came through in time, so they could have a significant handover with the Schmidts (Guest Home managers, leaving for home assignment).

Janet Dallman was able to get her book "Out on a Limb – A Devotional Guide for Missionaries" to a publisher in time.

Kaori Chua's book on Listening has been published. It will probably be out on the day of her late husband's one-year memorial service in Sapporo, April 23rd.