



Japan Prayer Fuel

May, 2016



New missionaries need a lot of training. Their first stop is OMF's Japanese Language & Culture Center. After

graduation, they move on to their respective training designations. This month's prayer requests are all from first term missionaries (mostly in their own words). Please remember our younger colleagues in their struggles, but also in their God-given opportunities so that they are fruitful and a blessing to those they serve. Thank you!

Samuel & Tina Figilister (Noboribetsu)

The Figilisters give thanks for the successful start of Samuel's German classes (about 8 participants) and Tina's kids' club (about 6 participants). On April 24th they had a really good public Easter celebration/party with around 250 children and parents attending. Samuel preaches at the church on May 15.

Edwin & Karen Kwok (Oomagari)

1. Give thanks that in the new school year several parents started to bring their children to the ABC Club; pray they will continue and that the Bible time will help them to know Jesus. 2. They run a men's cooking class in the community center on the 21st; pray for newcomers and follow up. 3. Pray that they can start some personal Bible study or gospel-related conversations with members of the Cantonese class. Pray that some new members would join the class from May.

Matt & Jude Tindale (Hirosaki)

1. Praise for contact with new people, especially a dad who meets with Matt. 2. Please pray for Mr Y who is considering baptism and is experiencing rejection because of his beliefs. May God also provide for his practical needs. 3. Perseverance with language learning is needed. 4. Some students at English classes appreciate the gospel and feel its challenge. Please pray they would respond by believing in Jesus.

Daniel & Joylyn Lau (Hanamaki)

Praise God that their girls are adjusting well to kindergarten. Pray for wisdom in their relationships in Hanamaki, especially with the mothers of other kindergarten kids.

Minnie Li (Hanamaki)

Praise the Lord that one of her friends, Miss U, who attended the Christmas Candle Service and Easter Service, currently attends the monthly English Café. She said she's a bit interested in the Bible. Pray that they can study the Bible together soon.

Margaret Rugira (Hanamaki)

Praise God for Mrs K's continued interest in Christ. Please pray as they restart Bible studies in Margaret's last few months in Hanamaki, and pray that Mrs K will continue with two others after Margaret has left. Please pray that her English class students at Ippo Ippo* will also seek Christ.

*A Christian cafe, started by OMF in Yamada, a small town on the coast of Iwate prefecture. Yamada had suffered badly in the earthquake and tsunami disaster of March 2011.

Andrew & Joanna Wong (Sendai)

Pray for Andrew's sermon preparation for 22nd of May, especially that it will be finished before they take a vacation from May 3-18. Pray for Joanna to be able to learn more Bible stories to tell her friend T. Pray also for good relationship building with two kindergarten mums (S&J) in their building. Junko. Pray for the Wongs' daughter to pick up Japanese quickly and make friends at the kindergarten she has just started.

Evan & Audrey Eusey (Hasuda)

Pray for boy N and girl M as they have begun middle school and are withdrawing from church. Pray for Evan's preparation as he preaches for the last time on May 22. Pray that those who hear will also apply the Word. The Euseys leave for Home Assignment soon after OMF's Field Conference in June, so are busy getting ready. Pray they can say goodbye well, and for opportunities to share about God's work in Japan while they're in the States.

Kelly Chang (Tokyo)

Pray for a good start to Bible studies with ICU (International Christian University) girls. Pray for good connections at other campuses as well.