

日本からの近況報告 (NIHON KARA NO KINKYŌ HŌKOKU)

THE WORK CONTINUES



As we gathered in that home, I was reminded that the Church is truly not a building; it is the body of Christ. Thanks to the willingness of that family, we got to watch this man be baptized in the name of Jesus!

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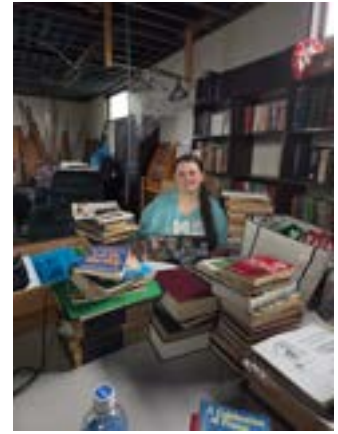
I am so glad to share that I made it to Japan and am getting to witness what God is doing here. Last week, we traveled about six hours south to visit the a daughter-work in Osaka.

The church in Osaka only meets once a month, which makes their time together especially meaningful. As we gathered for service in a conference room filled with people, it was encouraging to see the faith and dedication of this church family.

There are children in the Osaka church, but due to the church's schedule, there is normally no formal Sunday School. The other AIMer, Abby, and I got to host Sunday school for them. It was such a joy to get to know the kids, to share a lesson with them, and to watch them participate.

One of the most memorable moments of the weekend came at the end of the service when a young Japanese man approached the pastor and expressed his desire to be baptized. Since the Osaka church does not have a permanent building, there was no baptismal tank available. However, that obstacle quickly became an opportunity to see the church come together. One family opened their home and offered the use of their bathtub so the baptism could take place that very day.





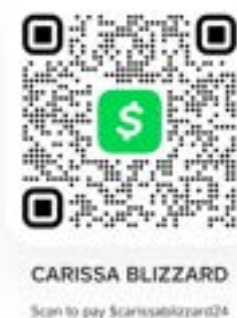
An Update from the Haijima Church

Great things are happening in Haijima as well! It has been wonderful to reconnect with the Haijima church family I met during my last time in Japan and to see how God has continued to work in their lives. At the same time, I have enjoyed meeting new members within the church. One of the things I appreciate most about ministry in the Haijima church is that it often includes opportunities for simple conversations, shared meals, or even short Japanese lessons. In addition to these connections, we have been helping with several projects around the church.

Much of our work has focused on organizing and cataloging church materials so they can be more easily accessed and used in ministry. We have also put privacy film on the windows of the church to help with security. All of this is possible because of your donations and prayers! Thank you for supporting me and the ministry happening here in Japan!

A few Prayer Requests

- Pray for health and strength for us as we continue serving over the next several weeks.
- Pray for peace and spiritual strength for the Haijima saints as they navigate many great transitions.
- Pray that the weather remains manageable so we can complete the projects and work that need to be done.
- Pray for wisdom, guidance, and encouragement for the pastor and his family as they lead and minister to the church.
- Pray that we continue to build meaningful relationships within the community and have opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us.



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