



# **Deneen Akers**

## **Missionary to Japan**



**Taking the message of the risen Son to the land of the rising sun.**

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Dear Pastor Grieme and Church,

Thank you for praying for traveling safety while on furlough. I have only a few more churches to visit and I will be returning to Japan on March 4. I am looking forward to returning and getting back to the work in Katsuragi. Everyone there is anxious for me to return as well. I am thankful for the opportunities I've had to teach in various churches but my heart is in Japan and I long to tell the people there the Good News. Pray as I prepare to return and for comfort as I say goodbye to family and friends.

Thank you for praying for the children's Christmas meeting. There were 13 who attended which is a lot lower than usual. But of the 13 there were 7 first time visitors and all of them were saved. Please continue to pray for this ministry that the children will grow spiritually and be able to attend church as well.

Continue to pray for the lady who was saved just before I returned to the States, Mrs. Teraoka, and her son Haruki. They have not been to church. It is often difficult for Japanese people to attend church after they are saved because they are fearful of what others will think about them. Pray as I return that the Lord will use me to encourage them to go to church. Also pray the Lord will give her courage to take a stand for Him and not to be afraid of others.

Please pray for my English students, Mrs Tsutsui and Mrs. Tsujihata, who were attending the Sunday English class and attending the afternoon church service. I have been staying in contact with them and they are looking forward to studying English again. Please pray for their salvation.

Continue to pray for Bro. and Mrs. Mori and their health. Bro. Mori's cataract surgery went well without any complications.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.

In His Service,

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