



Lift up your eyes,  
and look on the fields:  
for they are white  
already to harvest.

September 30, 2017

Dear Friends, Prayer Warriors, Loved Ones, and Supporting Churches:

We are thankful God allowed us to pass out flyers at the Nebuta Festival. The tract we made was evangelistic in nature as the majority of the recipients were from out of town. Our prayer is that the seeds planted by the tracts will come to fruition. Please pray for decisions.



In mid-September, we made a trip to Shimizu in Shizuoka Prefecture west of Tokyo. We were invited to hold evangelistic services Sunday morning and evening at Calvary's Hill Baptist Church. God blessed both the morning service (Japanese) and the evening service (English). There were several visitors, one of whom was a 90-year-old Japanese man who said he didn't want anything to do with Christianity, but he came to hear the preaching anyway. A Filipino young man brought two first-time visitors. They both raised their hands requesting prayer. **Please pray for these three men and the others who made commitments.**

The following Wednesday, we stopped at Arakawaoki Baptist Church. Suzuki-sensei asked us to give a report on Aomori. We made a short Power Point and gave a five-minute update. People asked questions, which lasted well over an hour. It was exciting to see people interested in God's work in northern Japan, an area mostly forgotten by other Japanese Christians. **Continue to pray with us for a Japanese couple to come work with us.**

We wrapped up our missions emphasis month last Sunday. Wakimasu-sensei came and gave our people two challenging mission messages. We believe God will bless this church abundantly if Missions are kept foremost. The faith promise cards deadline is next Sunday. **Pray that we will be able to keep Missions before the people and their interest in Missions high throughout the following year.**

We say this with all sincerity: we are always thankful for your faithful financial support and for the prayers you offer. The prayers you offer are especially important since souls are in the balance. Because of you, we are serving our Lord Jesus Christ here in Japan. **Thank you!**

In your service for HIS Service

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