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## Nov, 2018 prayer update

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Thanks for your partnership with us in our church planting ministry in Kobe, Japan!

Please check the recent entries on our blog: <https://trimteamjapan.blogspot.com>

Christmas is around the corner and we are gearing up for the flurry of evangelism opportunities that come during this exciting season every year. **Prayer requests** as we approach this busy time:

1) That we would enjoy good health during this sometimes hectic season. Ragweed pollen is currently causing problems for both of us. Highs are around 60 degrees these days, so a freeze is probably not in the works soon.

2) That in the busyness of the season, **we** would personally find time to be amazed again at the lengths our God went to in order to reconcile us to Himself, and that we can effectively share that wonder with those around us.

3) Kathy's baking is a highly anticipated aspect of Christmas for many of our regular contacts. Pray that those who enjoy these goodies will also be receptive to the Good News shared along with them, and "taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8).

4) Once again Murray is scheduled to appear as Saint Nicholas at a variety of kids' events where the number of adults usually exceeds the number of children by 2 or 3 to 1. Please pray for open ears, minds and hearts as he shares that the true hero of Christmas is not a graying guy in a red suit, but a newborn baby bundled in a Bethlehem stable. Pray for wisdom as he seeks to make what he shares age-appropriate for audiences spanning decades (from toddlers to their grandparents).

5) Our main Christmas outreach events at Agape Bible church this year are:

- Three kids' parties on December 18th-20th. Over 40 neighborhood children aged 5-12 who study English at our church will attend, and many will bring a friend. Lots of moms will be there, too! Most of them will see a wonderful new animated film, "The Star."

- Our annual Candlelight Service will be on Sunday evening, December 23rd. Pray for wisdom in advertising and preparing for this big event, and that all our church members will be invested fully in this opportunity to make Christ known in our community. Pray that both new and old contacts will attend, and that the Holy Spirit will work in hearts.

**Praises** from recent days:

1) For the addition of about 10 new English students in church kids' classes since summer, almost all from families that have had no connection to Agape Bible Church before.

2) Mr. Hamada was baptized at our church 2 years ago this week. He is a history teacher at one of the top high schools in Kobe. His growing interest in the Word has led him to pursue online courses from a local seminary. It is exciting to see him prioritizing spiritual growth.

3) Almost all of our church members attended a Lena Maria evangelistic concert recently. 2 seekers from our Monday AM Bible study joined us, including one who is attending church most Sundays now. If you do not know who Lena Maria is, check out her website:

<https://www.lenamaria.com/en-GB>

She ministers worldwide, and comes to Japan often. A clip featuring her recent time in Japan is posted on her website or can be found on youtube at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=322&v=ObdgZpFyx6o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=322&v=ObdgZpFyx6o)

Note: Starting at the 5:10 mark is a portion of the concert we attended at a nearby church. From 5:34-5:48, you can see the back of Mr. Hamada's head in the back row, left! (from previous praise)