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Murray and Kathy Trim's Apr/May, 2018 prayer update

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April/May, 2018 Prayer Update
Murray and Kathy Trim
Church planting in Kobe, Japan with TEAM

Dear ministry partners,

Please pray for our ongoing English Cafe outreach events held the 4th Saturday of most months. The next one is on May 26th. The father of one of our pre-school English students lives in a city 3 hours away. He comes back to Kobe for about a week at the end of each month to spend time with his family. Because our English Cafe events are late in the month, and he is very interested in improving his English, he hopes to attend every time. He came to April's Cafe with his wife and loved it. Pray that Mr. and Mrs. Katoo will come regularly and open their hearts to the things of God.

Kathy teaches conversational English to a local university professor who specializes in early childhood education and is an expert on early diagnosis of autism. Kathy has been taking Gospel tracts when she goes to teach Ms. Ishioka at her home, and part of the class time involves her student translating the tracts into English for Kathy! She is very honest about when something in the tracts is hard to understand, or touches her heart. Pray that God will use this nearly weekly exercise to bring her to faith in Christ.

Murray has a private student named Mr. Yanamoto who just retired from working as an executive of a large corporation, Kawasaki Heavy Industries. His ability to attend class regularly with Murray was an issue due to many overseas business trips to Europe and the US. Now that his schedule is so much lighter, he wants to commit to coming regularly. We got in contact with him years ago because his wife is a very strong believer who attends another church. This past Easter Sunday (April 1st) he attended church with his wife to witness the baptism of his daughter, who recently graduated from university and moved home. Join us in praying God will use what is happening in his family, along with what I share with him in our classes, to draw him to Himself.

September 4th of this year will mark the 30th anniversary of our arrival in Japan to begin serving as missionaries! Since then, I can think of only one or two times that we have had to share in writing about a financial shortfall. Due to a variety of circumstances, including the Homegoing of some donors, our monthly financial support has decreased by almost \$900 per month between 2015 and 2017. The result is that our Work Funds account, part of our support budget, has been depleted. In the past, when we submitted our Ministry Expense Reports, there was enough for us to be reimbursed within a short time. Now there are no funds available. The shortfall at the moment is a little over \$5,000. Until our account for Ministry Expenses is replenished, we cannot be reimbursed. We'd appreciate it if you would ask God if He would have you send an extra gift within the next few months to help us "get back on track." You can just send it to our regular support account. If you have any questions about our current financial situation, feel free to email us.

If you feel led to help meet this need, one option would be to use a direct link available for online giving through TEAM. You can find it here:

<https://team.org/givenow/us/details?v2did=90063>

If you prefer sending a check, the address for donations is:

TEAM - USA
PO Box 1986
Grapevine, TX 76099-1986

Now that there are two Trim families with TEAM in Japan (Hallelujah!), be sure to use our first names, too!

We greatly appreciate your partnership through faithful prayer and financial support.

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In Christ, Murray and Kathy Trim