

The Saltzmans Missionaries to Japan



FEBRUARY update

February was a busy month for us. The Lord provided a way for us to make a short trip to America and back for Aly's father's wedding. It was a good trip that brought opportunity to see both of our families, but it did bring some challenge as well. Cassian got sick during our trip, which made traveling back to Japan much more difficult as you could probably imagine. He had a stomach bug, then on top of that during our travel back to Japan, we all caught a cold. We were forced to take a week of break when we got back. We are thankful that it was a smaller sickness, but it was our first time going through that with a baby, and adding a flight to America and back definitely added to the difficulty of it all. Over all of that we are thankful for the Lord's grace and provision. We were able to use the trip as an opportunity to get gifts for a few different families around town and have good conversations about our trip. We have been able to have much longer conversations with the Mori family. They own the Teshio Food Center, a small grocery store and bento kitchen. We have been talking with the owners of a restaurant in the road station on the main road that runs through Teshio. They are the Tamada family, an older couple that loves to talk with Cassian. We do our best to talk as much as we can, and pray the Lord opens a door for us to invite them to a church service or event as the restaurant is not open on Sundays. We also have been getting closer to the Yamano family. Aly met the wife, Yui at the hospital a couple months ago. Yui wanted to be friends with Aly because she has a baby that's close to Cassian's age, and wants to learn more about English and America. We have been able to have dinner with them a few times already. Please for them as Yui and her husband are both open to learn more about the Bible. Our constant prayer is that the Lord uses the relationships we build to further the Gospel in their hearts whether through being invited to church, or by being a witness of Christ's love. We came back to a surprising amount of nice weather in Teshio.

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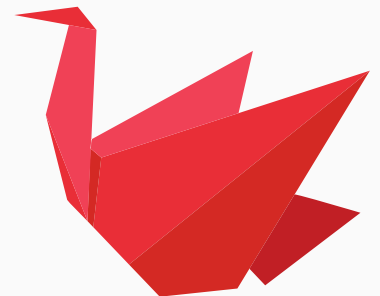
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We are told it is a very unusual winter this year. The feet and feet of snow usually sticks around until closer to the end of March, but a few days after we got back most of the snow on the ground has melted, and there is not expected to be much more snow coming for the rest of the winter. The Lord has definitely given an easy transition to living here, which we are thankful for. Since the New Year we have taken time to hold Sunday School before our morning service with initial goal to give us some practical training in reading translated Bible stories, running crafts in Japanese, and learning Sunday School songs in Japanese. We are excited to be pushed in our Japanese learning in a practical and spiritual sense. Aly and Cassian are especially looking forward to next month as they will have the opportunity to meet more moms in town with a few events for moms and babies are happening, so we ask that you would pray that she will be able to converse with them well, and that Cassian gets along with the other little ones. We appreciate your prayers as we head into our unexpected early spring. We are looking for more opportunities to meet more people and be witness to more people in our area.

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