

# The Saltzmans Missionaries to Japan



## NOVEMBER update

We praise the Lord for His provision and grace for another month of serving Him here in Japan. We happened to have a month packed full of ministry opportunities. At the beginning of the month, we were able to have a few conversations with our next door neighbors, the Kikuchi's. They gifted us some of their harvested daikon (Japanese radish) from their garden. We are thankful for neighbors that we can build a good relationship with. The following week, we had a community foreigner meet-up, a time where the foreigners in town can meet some of the city councilmen, as well as have time to meet each other. With Teshio being small we didn't think there would be too many foreigners that live in the town, let alone would go to the event. To our surprise, there were around 40 people at the event. Most of them were people working in Japan from Indonesia and the Philippines. The event gave us an opportunity to meet some people who could speak some English, and get acquainted with even more people that live in Teshio. During the middle of the month Bro Mansell had a struggle with an infection in his kidney, and had to stay in the hospital for just over a week, because of that He had missed two church services. I had the opportunity to step in for leading songs in Japanese, then bringing a sermon in English. We are blessed to have most of the church able to speak English, so the language barrier was not as prevalent as it could have been. We are thankful that we get to be available to step in and be a help to church, when we are needed. Unfortunately, we did not get to spend our first Thanksgiving in Japan with Bro Mansell present, but we still got the opportunity to spend the holiday with a couple different missionary families that drove to Teshio for the day, we are blessed to have had the fellowship, and a time of refreshment before heading into the deep winter. I think the Lord is providing us a calm start to winter, because the real snow has yet to start. We have been having consistent flurries throughout each week, but it has felt like a Midwest America winter more so than a Northern Japan winter so far.

## Prayer Requests

Winter Provision

Provision over  
driver's license  
process

Further building  
relationships with  
neighbors, local  
foreigners, and Yui

Language learning

Lost souls in Teshio



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The final blessing of this last month was Aly got the opportunity to meet a Japanese mother named Yui. Yui's husband is an Elementary school teacher, and they have a daughter in 2nd grade, and 4 month old baby boy. Yui came up to Aly at the hospital, while she was waiting for a doctor's appointment for Cassian and started to talk Aly. She was excited to know another mother of a baby, and one that is newer to town, as Yui's family moved to Teshio at the beginning of the school year. Aly has been texting her, and gets the opportunity to visit her home to have tea. Please pray that their relationship will grow, and that the Lord opens the door for Aly to speak with Yui about Jesus, and of course that Yui and her family would start coming to church. This next month the church will have its Christmas program, so it will be a good opportunity to invite the people that we met this month to attend that special service. We are thankful for that the Lord gives us these great opportunities. We ask that you would pray for these people, that their hearts would be open, and that we can continue to witness to them through our friendship, and our testimony.

