

The Saltzmans Missionaries to Japan



September Update

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How blessed we are! By the Lord's grace, and the prayer and support from our family, friends, and supporting churches, we have now been in Japan for an entire year. How wonderful it is to look back year ago, and reminisce on all that the Lord has done and given us. We want to share our gratitude to our supporting churches for investing in the work and training that God has called us to. Also to all of those who pray for us regularly, we truly appreciate the prayer, and have seen the Lord show favor through His active provision and leading in our lives. We started September with the blessing of me being able to pass my driving exam. Even though Aly did not quite pass the exam this time, we are thankful that the Lord provided for at least one of us to pass. We do not know when Aly will be able to take the exam next, as the schedule has been quit packed. We pray for the Lord's provision for the right timing for her. As we continue in our language learning, we have both noticed a good amount of progress in being able to communicate with the different people around town. Cassian too has been learning to communicate in his own ways, which has been a point of conversation for many people around town, who have been interacting with him since before he could walk or talk. Towards the end of the month, we had some great opportunities of deepening different relationships. First, was having a single man over to our house for dinner. He works with the town hall, doing media projects for the town, taking pictures and video, as well as heading up different parts in community events. He had grown up in town, and had even gone to Sunday Schools with the Mansell's during his childhood. That connection made it easy to start that relationship with him. I also had the opportunity to go out to eat with man that we have been connected to for a while now. He works for the school in town. A couple of months ago, his wife and two kids had to move all the way down to Sapporo, which is just over a 4 hour drive away from Teshio. He had been rather discouraged having to be living alone. I was thankful to meet with him, and praise the Lord, we had a really good conversation about God and the Bible. We shared a deeper conversation on having a living relationship with the living God. I am thankful for the progress that translating apps have made. Even though I do not yet have the ability to have that conversation in Japanese, we have grown close enough to have the desire to patiently use translating apps, so that we can have those deeper conversations. Please pray for both of these men, as we follow the Lord's leading in witnessing to them. We ask for your prayer as we get closer to winter. We are always looking for ways to be out in the community, and this can become more challenging during the winter. Please pray for us as we seek ways to be involved in the community in the coming months. We praise God for the wonderful year He has given us in Japan, and once again we humbly thank you for your support.

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Prayer Requests

- Aly to pass the drivers exam
- community opportunities
- Language learning

Praises:

- One year in Japan
- Opportunitites to share the Gospel with some of our friends
- New connections and friendships in town