



Tim and Kim Melton

Serving in Nagoya, Japan



Thank you for praying for our holiday season here in Japan. We were thankful to have fourteen children at our special children's meeting. They enjoyed decorating Christmas cookies. Afterwards, we showed a short animated film about the true meaning of Christmas. This was the first time some children had heard this.

Our Christmas program went well. Many of the church members participated in various special music numbers and Scripture readings. Tim gave a clear gospel presentation. We had several visitors, some for the first time. Please pray that the Lord would use what they heard to draw them to Christ.



New Year's Day is the big holiday here. It generally goes from January 1-5. This is always a time of rest for us since most businesses and schools are closed. It's a good time to have our annual colds, which we did!

For our potluck Sunday in January, we had a family of eight visit with us. The Morgan's have been in Japan learning the language and

Prayer Requests and Praises:

1. We are still in need of a national pastor.
2. We are continuing to search for a property to move to. When we have visitors, we are very crowded. It's a good problem to have!
3. John and Hitomi Leone will be traveling back to the states to visit with family and raise support. They are huge help to us in the ministry in Nagoya.
4. We thank the Lord for the first-time visitors in our December activities.
5. We thank the Lord for new chairs in our auditorium!
6. We praise the Lord for you, our faithful prayer warriors and financial supporters. Thank you!!

praying about what is next for them. Brendon preached in the morning service. We had a special youth meeting in the afternoon. The young people in our church thoroughly enjoyed their time with the Morgan children. It was a blessing to be able to spend time with them. It is always an encouragement to see a young family willing to serve the Lord in Japan.

Missionary Men's Retreat

We are hosting a Missionary Fellowship Retreat this year in the fall. We have an online Japan Baptist Missionary Men's group where members ask questions, recommend and share resources, offer advice, and give words of encouragement. We gather every year in the fall for 3-4 days to strengthen, challenge, and educate one another on various subjects that will benefit and promote the gospel in Japan. Various missionaries take turns hosting it in their city (setting up activities, schedules, a theme, and providing lodging). There is also an online group for the wives, and they have a fellowship retreat every year or two. If you would like to contribute to this endeavor, you can go to this link to give through BWM: <https://www.continuetogive.com/4932391>. No gift is too small. The exchange rate is to our advantage right now, so this is a good time for us to bring funds over. Any extra funds will go towards future fellowship meetings.

