

TIM & KIM MELTON

Serving in Nagoya, Japan

Easter

The church people participated in special music, and we remembered Christ's sacrifice through the Lord's supper. The service was followed by a Japanese curry meal.

Guest Speaker

Jim and Amy Smith were our guests in April for a special service. Amy shared her testimony and sang a lovely song with a meaningful message. Jim preached an encouraging message bilingually.

Church Workday

We had our annual church workday after the Golden Week holiday. This is always a highlight for our church family. The workday is followed by a barbecue and a time of fellowship.



Spring is a lovely time of year in Japan. It is also the season when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We had a special service with special music, an Easter message, and the observance of the Lord's supper. We typically have a potluck meal, but since another potluck was coming up soon, we instead served Japanese curry and rice. The people always enjoy this extended time of fellowship, especially after the Easter service. After the meal, we held a special children's activity.

Kim arrived safely in Japan on April 8, one day later than planned. Due to a delayed flight, she had to spend the night en route, which made for a very long trip. She was very thankful to finally arrive in Nagoya.

From time to time, we are blessed to have guest speakers visit our church. This gives our people the opportunity to hear from another preacher and meet other Christians. It is always an encouragement to us personally when the visitor is another missionary. We are blessed to hear testimonies of salvation, how



Prayer Requests & Praises

1. Pray for the Leone family, as John and Jaden are stateside, holding meetings in several churches. Hitomi and the girls are in Japan due to work and school schedules. Hitomi's father passed away this week after battling cancer.
2. Please continue to pray for a national pastor for the church in Nagoya.
3. We have formed a building committee to continue the search for a property to purchase. Please pray for God's wisdom and provision for this need.
4. Pray for the salvation of the loved ones of our church members and attenders.
5. Praise the Lord for Kim's safe return to Japan.
6. Praise the Lord for good attendance with all the special meetings we have had recently.

God has worked in their lives, and about their ministries. God truly calls people from every walk of life to serve Him!



The month of May includes a series of holidays referred to as Golden Week. In the past, we would hold a church workday during this week. In more recent years, however, many people travel during the holidays, so we have started having the workday on a Saturday after Golden Week. The church people work hard to deep-clean the church building and spruce up the church grounds. Afterwards, we enjoy a time of food and fellowship together. We prepare foods typically served at an American barbecue, such as hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, and more. The people love it, and there are very few leftovers!

Thank you for your faithful prayers on our behalf. We would also ask that you pray for the loved ones of our members and attenders. Many are not saved, and this is a heavy burden on many hearts.



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