

HERRINGTONS IN HARUNA

January 2011

With the coming of the New Year comes New Year's resolutions! This year we have decided to refocus on our existing contacts here in Haruna. We have about 7 months left until we will return to Wichita, KS, but we are staying focused on the work that can still be done before we leave. Our three main focuses will be: uniting the members here in Haruna, developing the relationships we've made to start evangelistic Bible studies with our current friends, and finding a way to continue the children's ministry after we leave. With the baby coming in May our lives are about to change dramatically, so we will keep bringing these things to God for His guidance. Praise the Lord for His kingdom and letting us be ambassadors for our Savior!



The three of us outside of our house last Sunday.

THE WORK IN HARUNA

This month Paul preached about 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 which tells us to "Rejoice Always!" Paul has been preaching so much about the Church and our role as Christians. He really felt it was time to encourage the members here with a sermon about our Christian joy and how we can all "Rejoice Always" even in the hard times. By recognizing our current blessings we are taking for granted and by recognizing where all our blessings are coming from we can generate an attitude of thankfulness that will allow us to rejoice. The Japanese mindset often sees good things as luck or good fortune rather than good things coming from God. Hopefully we can continue to teach the Christians here to understand their blessings as coming from their Heavenly Father.

We have been blessed with two new young women joining us for Sunday evening worship and Wednesday Bible classes; Hagiwara-san, her daughter Momoka-chan, and Misaki-san. Obata-san has been talking and counseling with both women and Misaki-san seems to be interested in learning more about the Bible. Also Momoka-chan (7 yrs. old) has joined our kids class on Wednesday while her mother is at work. It has been a great encouragement for us to see new faces and hear them singing the songs as we worship God. So many times in Japan the hurting and distraught come to the church looking for answers and comfort. Misaki-san has been recently divorced and Hagiwara-san is struggling financially. The scripture is indeed true in Matthew 9:12, that tells us, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." It is a continual challenge for us to biblically meet the needs of those we speak to. Please pray that God will reveal his comfort and healing to these women.



New Years lunch after Sunday worship. Lots of wonderful traditional New Year foods.



Our crew after cleaning the building on a Saturday. We all enjoyed hot apple cider and cinnamon crumb cake. We had a few extra helpers. A couple girls from the area came by and did a great job mopping.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Paul illustrating how many 5,000 people would look like. Each sheet of paper had 250 people on it.



The new direction we have taken with the children's class on Wednesday nights has really proven to be a success. With Paul's help we are branching out with our teaching methods and trying a few fun things. This month we've started a small video production of Jesus feeding the 5,000. The children will act out the script we wrote, in Japanese, with fun costumes in front of a green screen. Afterwards Paul, with a little computer magic, will put the children into Jerusalem. So far we are stuck at getting costumes ready. We had a lady in the community make a pattern for us and a sample, now we are asking for help from the members to make the rest of the costumes, so we can get everyone involved. We really want all the kids involved, so we have about 7 more to make. We are committed to finishing the project and hope we can film sometime in February. We



The group enjoying the coloring page before our first rehearsal and reading of the scripts.



will be posting the finished product on YouTube and Facebook. God continues to bring new students to us as we continue to find new ways to teach the children. The children's class is one of the primary ways we are able to plant the seed here in Japan. We really believe the future of the church is in these young people and we hope the day comes when they all are baptized into Christ. Even if we never see that day ourselves we will continue to plant the seed!

Learn Japanese now!

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This month we will learn the "R" characters. This character is pronounced a little like a Spanish "r" but with a bounce. Bounce the "r" off the roof of your mouth.
ra ら (as in raw) ri り (as in reboot) ru る (as in rude)
re れ (as in red) ro ろ (as in rope).

Ramen- らめん -Chinese noodle

Ringo - りんご -Apple

Ru-mu - るーむ - Room

Renshuu- れんしゅう - Practice

Roku- ろく - The number 6

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BABY HERRINGTON

Baby Herrington is getting big. OK, maybe I'm just getting bigger! At the end of this month we are now 24 weeks along. Baby is just over 1 pound and almost 1 foot in length, about the size of an ear of corn. Baby is really starting to work on his/her kicks and punches too. Starting February, I will be going to the doctor every 2 weeks, until we get to 34 weeks, then we go every week. Also February 15th we will start our childbirth classes. Please pray for us as we try to understand everything in Japanese or loosely translated English. We are really getting excited and are starting to understand what our hospital expects of us. The baby is still healthy and we are so thankful. We purchased our first pack of diapers last week in preparation, and Paul said, "You know, it's really strange to be buying diapers." I then responded while smiling, "You better get used to it." We are so blessed to have each other at this time, and we find our relationship with each other gets better with each day. God continues to bless us in this time that we are away from so much family.



Our sweet baby looking at us at our 24 week appt. Paul says the baby is smiling at him. Can you see the smile?



PREACHER'S MEETING

Paul and Obata-san joined the Tokyo preachers for their monthly meeting which was held in Yokota. The church building is across the street from the Yokota military base and they have both English and Japanese worship services. We are studying sermon preparation and prayer life this year as a group of ministers. It is always helpful to hear the methods other preachers are using in the Japanese cultural landscape. So many things are different that it is not always possible to preach the same way to all people. It's a great way to learn from the experience of these Japanese ministers.



Our Prayer Requests

- The health of Obata-san and his wife, Rumiko-san.
- To keep studying the Japanese language and building relationships as best we can.
- To be able to help the Christians here to understand what it means to be a disciple of Christ.
- For all those we meet and that they will one day obey the Gospel.
- For the safety of our baby to be born in Japan this May.
- To find ways of transitioning the works for when we leave in August.
- To help us find new ways to Outreach in our community.
- Thanks to God for finding good renters for our house in Wichita, KS!!



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