



THE MANSELLS

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Dear Praying Friends,

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Luke 2:10,11 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

This year's Christmas Program theme was, "The Music of Christmas". The music of Christmas, like other true Godly Christian music has three important elements which worldly Christmas music does not have. 1) **Joy** at the **Birth** of the Lord Jesus Christ God in the flesh; 2) **Thankfulness** for the Saviour who died on the **Cross** for our sins; 3) **Praise** for the salvation and hope Christ's **Resurrection** guarantees.



The Randy Smith family, fellow missionaries and dear friends here in Hokkaido, provided a great musical and puppet play presentation for our Christmas program. They sang, played several instruments and presented the whole story of Christmas from Christ's birth to resurrection. The puppet play showed the true meaning of Christmas and presents. Especially that Christmas should be a time to fellowship with Christ, not just family. Ken gave a gospel message at the end based on the three points listed above. God was clearly working in the hearts of the 17 adults and 8 children who were in attendance. Our believers were very helpful and active in helping with the program, especially with the tea time afterwards. This tea time is an especially productive time to continue witnessing to those who attended. This year, our town's mayor and wife; assistant mayor; high school principal; a doctor; four teachers Ken works with and other adults were able to come and hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. Pray as we continue to follow up on these this year.

Vicki was absent this year due to surprising her parents in late November by showing up for Thanksgiving. Due to her father's health, we felt it was important for her to be with them as other family members made a special effort to be together during the holidays. Our parents have willingly given us to the Lord's work here in Japan these many years, and we felt it was important to have Vicki spend some extra time with them in northern

Wisconsin at this time. Vicki will be returning to Japan after our short reporting furlough in March and April.

There are several prayer requests for the coming months.

- 1) Provision and arrangements for making a short reporting furlough this spring;
- 2) Our old faithful van here in Japan is needing to be replaced with a younger used vehicle by May;
- 3) Needs of our summer internship program: one young lady is coming and needs support and we would like to have one or two more join her;
- 4) Ken as he carries on the work in Japan and Vicki as she is with her father as he battles the last stages of Leukemia;
- 5) Souls who hang in the balance: pray that their eyes would be opened!

Serving Christ Together,

Ken and Vicki Mansell

***Just A Prayer At Night** – your evening is our daytime*

