



THE MANSELLS

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Dear Praying Friends,

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The busy month of September has come and gone in a flash but we knew it would beings our children were with us for three of those weeks. It provided many special opportunities to be with those that we have known over the years. We took one opportunity to use our family in a special service for a Sunday morning. We had handed out invitations and invited many personally. We were thrilled to have 4 first time visitors; two who had only been to Christmas programs; and one man who used to attend the a.m. service regularly as well as 2 of our believers. Among the first time visitors was the mayor's wife,



Mr. Saito



Mrs. Honda. Mayor Honda had said he would have come but he was going to be out of town that weekend for city business. We had two piano duets, two musical numbers (original family group; siblings & spouses), greetings and testimonies from each married couple—Joshua worked hard on his translated words so he could read it in Japanese!—and Richard preached in Japanese and English. The Gospel was given and no holes barred when it came to setting the fact that idols can not take the place of the one true God. We pray for more follow-up opportunities as a result of this very special service.

Thank you for continuing to pray for **Tetsuya Mashike**. Mr. Smith was able to meet with 2 men from the place he is in as well as Tetsuya. One of the men though, continually put verbal pressure on Tetsuya to not really consider what Mr. Smith was suggesting for service attendance. Pray for Tetsuya to regain spiritual and emotional strength to be able to stand against the devil and his wicked ways of trying to enslave Tetsuya. Tetsuya needs to call the Smiths on a Sunday and ask them to come and pick him up. God has watched over Tetsuya all this time. We continue to plead his needs before the throne of grace.



We will be picking up **Nathan Callahan** from the airport on the 6th (tomorrow) to join us for three weeks. Nathan is a senior and Pastor Chuck Callahan's son. The Callahans are serving the Lord in the Yokohama area with outreaches to both military and Japanese. Nathan desired to help out the ministry here for a short period of time so his folks have graciously allowed this. Please pray that Nathan will grow and be blessed by being here and touched with a heart for souls and that we will be an encouragement to him as he seeks God's will for his life as well. Two weeks after Nathan leaves, Alice Straughan will be returning. She reports that her meetings are going well and she seems to be doing fine, too. Alice will join us again to continue her language and living studies so that, Lord willing, by next spring she can be helping us with our outreach in Enbetsu full time.



We also asked you to pray for **Vicki** as she traveled with 14 others from Teshio to Homer, Alaska as the interpreter for the 20th anniversary trip of the sister-city association with this town. Thank you for those prayers. She had a good safe, how-be-it very fast paced 7 days, arriving back 48 hours before our children arrived with their families. She was able to give God praise over many things while on the trip and the last night together in Seoul (overnight there before coming on home to Teshio) she was able to speak to Mrs. Kurokawa. Mrs. Kurokawa hopes to start the Bible study again this next spring after she retires from work. Mrs. Kurokawa said as she left the special Sunday service we had, that she had been given "much to think about".

The Lord encouraged us to continue on continuing on through two opportunities to hand out tracts and visit with people we haven't met before. While having a check-up at the Wakkanai hospital we were able to start a conversation with a lady, her grade-school son, and 2 or 3 others around us. For about an hour (no appointments here in Japan, just wait 'in line') we talked about various things and handed out tracts to each one. The lady read the tract to her son right away. We praise God that we were able to tell them that there was a Baptist church in town and where it was. Then on Sunday afternoon here in Teshio, we attended the yearly junior high fall festival. While waiting for the band concert to start a young lady (about 30) sat down beside us and started a conversation. She was just up from Sapporo for the day. She was also given a tract and we told her to come visit us if she comes to Teshio again. Moments like this remind us to be faithful and ready and we are thankful that others are as well. The Lord bless you too, as you faithfully seek to reach those around you in your daily lives!

In Christ's Service Together,

Ken and Vicki Mansell

Just A Prayer At Night – your evening is our daytime