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Dear Praying Friends,

February 2015



But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 ¶ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1Corinthians 15:57

The context that is concluded with the two verses above, centers on the viability of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The majority of the people we meet will not readily acknowledge the reality and implications of



Christ's resurrection. To do so would force them to believe and obey the gospel. The idea of the bodily resurrection as recorded in the Bible is outside the normal realm of experience of people. Dead is dead in the experience of men. However this is an essential and empowering truth to those who embrace this undeniable truth. For without the reality of Christ's resurrection, there is no salvation from eternal punishment. There is no forgiveness of sin. There is no peace with God. The small word "but", that begins verse 57, is the joyous and resounding answer to any and all objections to the reality of the resurrection. We can be thankful to God that He is the resurrection and the life. He has given us victory and forgiveness and saved us from punishment of our sin! The appropriate response to such a marvelous truth for the believer is action. We need to steadfastly be living for Christ in this world. We need to be unmovable from the standards, truths and principles of the Bible. We need to be overflowing with our desire and actions for the work of the ministry of the Lord. Praise God, our labor to do this is a solid investment that will lead to eternal rewards and a profitable life for the risen Lord Jesus Christ! This month we might call a month of **meal-sharing-evangelism**. We had two opportunities with people locally



and two other opportunities with people we visited in the city of Sapporo. At least here in Hokkaido, just because a person moves from our area or is a part of our lives through other experiences outside of Teshio, it doesn't mean our time of trying to reach them with the Gospel, as well as keep in contact, comes to an end when they move or a particular situation ends. All jobs in Japan, unless you have your own local business, have some form of required transfer after several years. Over time, we do lose contact with some who have come and gone. As long as we can, we do try and keep trying to see people who have left Teshio or we have met through varying circumstances, such as when Ken is in the hospital. We still keep in contact with three different doctors and training doctors from that hospital. One of them is Dr. Nao Honda who was Ken's first anesthesiologist. Over a 3 year period we were able to teach her English and Bible until she was transferred to the southern area of Hokkaido. Then she and her husband were transferred to Sapporo where we shop at varying times. We were able to include a visit to her home this month with her husband and 2 yr. old son. We had the good news that they are moving back

to the Asahikawa hospital where Ken originally met her. Beings Ken has regular check-ups there and this city is closer to us than Sapporo, we might be able to see them more often and continue to try to plant seeds of love through Jesus Christ.

After our supper with the Hondas, we left to meet Dr. Mitsu and his wife at a restaurant for an hour or so. Ken still has weekly English studies with him via Skype and while he has said he does NOT want to include Bible study at this time, we trust there will be a choice to include that



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still in the future and we always have opportunity through conversation with them to talk about the Lord or the Christian life.

The other two opportunities were with local teachers for meals in the home. We had four junior high teachers and one grade school teacher woman) come to our home for decided to do a full Sunday-provided the meat for that when a venison hind quarter our home. It took Vicki about processed and in the freezer a large piece of meat together she slow cooked with soup. Suffice it to say, the surprised at what the meat taste and enjoyed the rest of potatoes, gravy, broccoli dessert. This was the first time to have this group of teachers in our home. Many or all of them will be transferred out of the area in April so we wanted to do it while we could. We sent them home with the "God Story" DVD and a complete gospel pamphlet.



(four men and one an evening meal. Vicki style dinner. The Lord meal two days earlier was dropped off at 6 hours to get it all and managed to keep to have a roast that vegetables in onion teachers were very was but also the great the meal of mashed salad, jello and

Miss Tsuzuki still attends Sunday evening Bible study and we were able to have her and another single lady H.S. teacher, Miss Nakamura, to our home for dinner twice. The first time we cooked the meal and the second time they had Vicki teach noodles and chicken biscuits together. These adults open so many conversation and as we talk. We pray it to feel free to come to a but we will keep seeking love for them through



them how to make noodle soup as well as less formal times with doors through questions that come up opens the door for them Sunday service as well, to give the news of God's these type of settings.

*Serving Christ Together,
Ken & Vicki Mansell*

Just A Prayer At Night – Your evening is our daytime!