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Dear Praying Friends

November 2025

1 Thessalonians 3:6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you: In our family Bible time, the notes in our Bibles noted that the Thessalonians did three things that gave Paul joy. 1) Faith - the right attitude toward God; 2) Charity - the right attitude toward man; 3) Desire to see Paul - the right attitude towards Paul. So let us also remember to give joy to those who minister to us with these same three great attitudes.

November Calendar had so many date squares with something in them we almost couldn't see the calendar! But that means there were things happening! Some were expected and some weren't, including a **stay in our local hospital for a week for Ken** to clear up a kidney infection via IV antibiotics. So, **hospital evangelism** was again an opportunity that we always ask God to bless. Thankfully he got out and could continue the last of the antibiotics via medication after which he was given the 'all clear' this week. His doctor and others were given pamphlets as well as an invitation to our Christmas program and his doctor wrote it on his calendar!! With four of us now to hand out invitations to our program, we should get many opportunities. So, pray for these please!

We have both been **teaching one adult English class** via facetime, **Ken with an unsaved doctor, Dr. Mitsu**, who we have known for years and **Vicki with the wife of the Hazama Family** who just got transferred from Teshio this last April. We miss them in church, but we have had this type of situation many times over the years. So, Vicki enjoys teaching her: half an hour in English and half an hour in Bible study. When asked recently there was one thing she was thankful for, she replied, 'after I told you one time that I felt like my prayers needed changing because they were mostly asking for things, you replied that I should begin with praise and pray for others as well. I have never forgotten that, and it helped me so much.' We don't often know what people's reactions are to our suggestions and this was a blessing to us both. Please pray for the times with Dr. Mitsu as neither he nor his

wife are saved, and she is probably not long for this world. Both in person and in these lessons, the gospel and need have been shared many a time but always ignored. God is able!

Vicki was in the hospital at this time a year ago and we had to cancel our usual missionary gathering for thanksgiving. What a blessing to gather this year. **We praise God again for Lighthouse Baptist Church in Kanagawa prefecture** for sending a bountiful turkey and ham as well as some extra side ingredients. A little bit of seasonal comfort food and fellowship is always a blessing. Unfortunately, Ken was released from the hospital the day after we gathered. We also enjoyed a time of fellowship with our believers the Sunday before the Thanksgiving gathering. We try and do this once a month.

Ken was in the hospital over two Sundays in a row. It was a blessing to have Jadon step in and lead in those services.

Vicki was involved in two chorus events this month and is done for the year. It's been a while since anyone has come to the Christmas program from this group and we trust someone will this year. There was a singing event and year end dinner party. Our prayer for anyone in any of the groups she participates in (chorus, taishogoto, or pottery), is that the Lord, after all these years will open even one person's heart.

Language lessons for Jadon and Aly **via Ms. Akimoto** and culture and biblical lessons **via Ken** have continued as often as possible. Ms. Akimoto teaches them after eating a packed lunch on Sundays before she returns home about 25 minutes away. Ken meets with them on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for two hours. Vicki takes care of Cassian, their 6-month-old son, during that time. We would appreciate prayers for this ongoing part of the Saltzmanns' training. **Upcoming dates to pray for:**

1. Christmas program on 12/21 2-4 p.m. (11 p.m. central usa time) -invites being given out & Posters being put up on the 12th
2. Christmas celebration with our church attending Christians after the program on the 21st.
3. Vicki has next eye check on Monday December 8th.
4. Continue to pray for the new people the Saltzmanns are meeting for new witnessing opportunities
5. Continue to pray for the salvation of the husbands of: Mrs. Sonoda, Mrs. Kuwata, Mrs. Kawabata
6. Health of each of us during this season. Ms. Akimoto is also suffering from shingles right now -- Thank you!!

Serving Christ Together, Ken & Vicki Mansell

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