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Dear Praying Friends,

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But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Galatians 6:14

How easy it is to preach the truth of this verse. How hard it is to practice it daily in our minds, hearts, actions, attitudes and words. Paul, who had more to boast of than any of us will ever achieve in our lives, asked God to forbid him from glorying in anything that he himself could accomplished. Rather to help him concentrate and rejoice in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ alone. To use the pain and purpose of the sacrifice of the cross as motivation for us to consider crucified, dead any



thing in this present world. To remember that our goal is much more than the temporal praises or pleasures of this life and from man: But to only glory in the Lord Jesus Christ and His cross. May we have the same attitude in our lives.

Vacationing Visitors—this has been another month of special people in and out of home and church. **Ms. Asami** from southern Japan has been in our area for almost 4 weeks staying in a small town about 40 minutes away. She is a fervent Christian, a wonderful pianist and has been an encouragement to us as she has attended each week while here. She has one more Sunday to be with us before heading to one other location and then home. She has tried to bring an unsaved acquaintance each and every week. A Christian young lady from the USA, who has been an English Language Teacher through the JET program here in Japan and is now in private contracts in southern Japan, vacationed up here in Hokkaido for a bit. We were happy to **have Elisabeth with us** for a few days over the weekend this month. Following her visit, **Missionary Paul and Sarah Johnson from Aomori prefecture** in the northern part of Honshu also vacationed on Hokkaido this year and spent two days with us in the middle of the week. All of us, then, traveled to Shibetsu to meet with three other missionary families and spend some time of fellowship together. We pray for them so it was great to meet them and put faces to our prayers. We appreciate their heart and diligence for the work in Aomori.



Vision—the Marks have been here two months now. A routine, somewhat, is coming together and they are seeing progress at varying levels in their language study. It can be a discouraging and encouraging time—the challenge is great and the small steps recognized a blessing. This combination continues to give them a vision, not just of the hurdles to get over but the goal in their heart to be able to get to know the people around them and be able to witness to them. Thank you for continued prayers for each stage of the learning process as well as the teaching process. It can be as much of a challenge to us to know how to balance out the amounts given and how much to expect in return. We appreciate their desire to learn and to entrust us with this task.



Vying to win—the outside event to begin the fall children's English classes was a success as each student taking part didn't get hurt and enjoyed the activities. We were especially thankful for the opportunity to tell a gospel story as well as hand out S.S. flyers. It has been nearly impossible to get S.S. attendance built back up again. We will keep trying and pray that children will want to attend and parents allow it. It is a continual race to beat Satan at his game and we won't give up!

Praise and Prayer Requests-

1. More goals completed and new people met-Praise
2. Spiritual, Physical and Emotional strength
3. Old contacts to be more open to the Gospel
4. New contacts being made
5. Health of Mrs. Sonoda, her mom, and a couple other of our believers who are in the 'care for aging parents' mode
6. Our neighbors and Marks' new neighbors, Mr. Yokoyama

*Serving Christ Together,
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Just A Prayer At Night – Your evening is our daytime!

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