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Dear Praying Friends,

November 2015

**James 1:25** *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

As 2015 is winding down and 2016 looms in the near future, we each need to reflect and plan on being "blessed in our deeds". The place to keep the focus of our eyes and hearts is the Word of God, "the perfect law of liberty". In personal, family and church context, continue and bound in the reading, studying and proclaiming of the singular truths found in the Bible. Continuing in those truths in every aspect of our lives is also imperative. The verse defines this continuance in not being a forgetful hearer. This is shown only in seeing the truths of the Word of God through corresponding actions in our daily lives. Being a "Doer of the Work" God has for us, is the way to be blessed by God. May we each encourage one another in this day by day. Thank you for your encouragement to us through prayers and correspondence this past year and the year to come as the Lord tarries His coming. *May we be found faithful.*

**Happy Thanksgiving**-We began this month with the **yearly missionary "thanksgiving" get together held here**; early because it was a national holiday when we all could get away from our normal daily routine. We were two families short but one family extra with the Marks now joining us. A blessing always to be refreshed by conversation, wonderful food, and physical exercise as well. Now we look forward to the winter gathering at the end of December and trust weather will allow us this time. We also had a 2<sup>nd</sup> small thanksgiving dinner with the Marks in their home on the American calendar holiday. Both Heather and Vicki prepared wonderful food and we had a great time while fellowshiping together.

**Heralding health**-We both had various health checks this month that are done yearly. **We praise God for an overall bill of good health** for which to continue to serve the Lord. Nothing untoward was found except for some numbers that change due to that well known aging factor. We are both continuing to try to lose weight and exercise and want to be faithful in this as well.

**Hello English Students**-We began a 2<sup>nd</sup> **adult English class with Bible study** included and have 4 or 5 that will be attending as often as they can. We praise God for this opportunity of helping others get a grasp of English that will allow them opportunities that can enrich their work and lives but most of all are thrilled that it will also give them an introduction of the Bible and their need of a Saviour. Time available due to the work transfer system usually means our door of opportunity is short. Please pray for open minds and hearts and for God to draw them to Him.

We are judges at a junior high speech contest every year and were able to **get both English and Japanese John/Romans into eight junior high students' hands** as we handed them out as prizes. This age group is thinking a lot about their future and their self-written speeches indicated that. We trust they will read the Word of God and also think about their spiritual future.

**Happy Birthday** to special ladies-For the third year in a row we have been able to celebrate Vicki's and Dr. Mitsu's wife, Tomoka, together in the city of Sapporo. Their birthdays are just 4 days apart and actually in December but it was not going to be possible to get together right around their birthdays. Ken teaches Dr. Mitsu English every Tuesday evening via Skype and they have wanted to keep up the friendship. We look on this as an opportunity to keep witnessing as well. They are both in their late 70s. We enjoyed some good food and a Sapporo Symphony Orchestra concert!

**Hours to go before we sleep**-Sometimes the days seem to run from one into the other without much 'down' time. There is much to do as well as preparation for December's events. We thank you for your prayerful support in remembering us before the throne of Grace and Strength. **Please pray also that we will never be weary in well doing!** You may think it's easy to keep going day after day because 'we are missionaries'. But the flesh sometimes isn't quite up to what the mind and desires require. We rejoice in the verse many times, that God is the giver of our daily strength.

Prayer Requests:

1. Physical, Emotional and Spiritual strength from day to day
2. Christian wives' husbands and families to be saved
3. Adult weekly English and Bible studies/salvation on Mondays and Tuesdays
4. Weekly Bible study (growth and strengthening in his Christian life) with Dr. Urayama
5. Health and safety through the winter months
6. Japanese language and cultural studies with the Marks
7. Preparation for the Christmas evangelism taking place in December

*Serving Christ Together,  
Ken & Vicki Mansell*

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

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