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Dear Praying Friends

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Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day Psalms 71:8

What words come out of our mouths all day? Are they words to benefit us and our point of view? Are they words motivated by emotions reacting to the actions of others? Or are they controlled words that respond in a biblical manner? Let us strive to have our words which give praise and honor to our great God!

October was **settling in month for the Saltzmans** in so many ways. What does that mean you ask? Well for them, it is not only get used to a brand new place, it's brand new language (don't understand hardly a word), brand new traditions (so the shoes stay here, not in the house; the garbage has to be divided into various bags and put out on particular days, etc) and paperwork, paperwork, paperwork! For us, it's also walking them through all these steps. Red tape paperwork meant Ken and Jadon were at the city office, the police station, a car registration situation, setting up a bank account and much more. It also meant we all drove 4 hours south to the big city of Asahikawa to hit many secondhand shops there to work through their household needs. Some things were ordered through Amazon Japan as well, and their house is pretty much put together now although there are a couple of projects that Ken and Jadon are working on together. For us it has also meant keeping up with our typical schedule of things including giving a private online English class for each of us and doctor visits for both of us. Of course, Ken has kept up with preaching on Sundays but added in English as well as the Japanese for the sake of Riz and Niya, and Saltzmans. We also have added an English Sunday evening service for their sakes which they have expressed appreciation for.

Most every Monday morning Riz, Jadon and Ken have gotten together and after lunch it has been such a blessing to have the two fellas help with outside projects. In the past, we have asked closer missionaries to help as needed but it's great to have local help too. For us northern folk there is winterizing that needs to be done and much of that has taken place in October with a couple things just now getting finished up.

Health wise, Vicki has had the hardest challenges. Along with fighting the herpes in the right eye, she is now seeing the ophthalmologist for Thyroid Eye Disease. It affects both eyes and even though her thyroid has been removed, this disease can flare up behind her eyes and need correction. This time they are trying shots in each eye to see if it will remove the inflammation of the muscles behind the eyes. At this point that means a trip to Asahikawa to the University hospital ophthalmology department every two weeks. Eye care, as you can imagine, is important and can be a bit disruptive to our schedule and feelings. We covet your prayers in going forward. Neither of the eye diseases can be cured, just controlled. We know God will give wisdom to the doctors going forward. She has had a lot of vertigo type challenges due to not being able to wear her contacts and glasses set. We trust we can work something out for this need as well.

We enjoyed an evening supper gathering here of fellow missionaries: **Randy, JoAnne**



Smith and their home church pastor and wife: Matt and Ellen Lendt. We have known the Lendts for years and their church

also supports us. Such a blessing to have them take the time to come on over and be with us too. We also wanted to introduce you

to some of the ones coming to church right now: **Ms Akimoto** (It) is the believer teaching Japanese to the Saltzmans every Sunday afternoon. **Mrs. Sonoda** on the right is a long-time local believer & our first convert. The two couples are **Jadon & Aly Saltzman with Cassian** and **Riz & Niya** talking to them. She is the new local Assistant English Teacher for the grade & middle schools. Thank you for praying for the continued ministry to these the Lord has brought.



Serving Christ Together, Ken & Vicki Mansell

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

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