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Dear Praying Friends

December 2025

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. Psalms 119:59

As we reach the end of 2025, the psalmist experience is **wise counsel**. Many of us make New Year resolutions that fade quickly. Instead let us consider our standing before the Lord. When we do this our response should be shown in only one way. Turning our feet is to make the choice to determine to have our life follow the truths of the Bible.

As the year draws to a close, we trust we can truly rejoice in what our Savior has done for us beginning with His birth. **This is always our biggest opportunity to share the Gospel and true meaning of Christmas here in Japan.** We appreciated your prayers for our Christmas program which took place on the 21st. It was a blessing to have just cold with snow on the ground weather instead of a blizzard. We always hope for many to come, but we also pray for God to draw whom He will. **This year we had a family of four, one junior high boy, and two ladies.** Aly and Vicki had met a young mom with her baby at the hospital last month when both Aly and Yui-San were there to get baby immunizations. A conversation was started which led to Aly being able to visit her in their home and then Yui San came to Aly's house. Witnessing has also been taking place and an invitation given to the family for the program. Praise God the whole family came. Please continue to pray for Yui San, her family and for Saltzmanns as they reach out in the coming year to this family. Endo Kun is a boy who Ken has known for several years due to his love of English. Ken and Niya the Assistant English teacher got to see him at school a few days before the program and told him about it. He came and stayed clear through the teatime and seemed to really be glad he had. One of the ladies is a nurse at the hospital and in the chorus, Vicki is a part of. Ken had invited her during his hospitalization. We have known the other lady for many years as she is in our neighborhood and used to be a member of the same chorus. She is in her mid-80s. We are thankful that we can leave the outcome of working in their hearts to the Lord and see what He will do. It has also been a joy to not only have the Saltzmanns with us to help in special events such as this, but also our two Japanese ladies, Niya and her husband Riz, and KenSan the Filipino young lady. The men sang together, Ms Akimoto played her flute during the singing together, Vicki played her taishogoto, Aly played a medley on the piano, Mrs. Sonoda read the Christmas story from Luke, both our Japanese ladies did a drama reading about "Elizabeth and Mary the mother of Jesus", and of course little Cassian was a star to everyone. Talents both small and great, when used for the Lord's name's sake, are such a joy. We also showed a short video about the shepherds and Jesus' birth done in Japanese right before Ken preached on the "People of Christmas". Here in Japan, the only "Christmas" you see ANYWHERE, outside of a church building, is the commercial trees, lights, santa, and presents. Nothing is wrong with having a tree and presents, but when it's the only message probably 95% of Japanese have ever known, it is sad and it is a great need here. Pray for us as we try to be faithful the year through to share the truth of the Creator God and the Risen Savior! That we will be faithful in well doing and not get discouraged. We have gotten used to the time it takes to even see a heart open just a bit and pray for more opportunities.

As we finish this year, we also want to thank each of you who earnestly pray for us and the work here. Without you and the financial support we receive, this work also would be hindered.

We had not planned on any trips to the states so soon after the Saltzman's arrival but we have the joy of attending the first of our grandchildren to get married wedding the middle of January. Vicki leaves on the 2nd and Ken will go just before and return right after. Please pray not only for travel mercies, especially in the winter, but also as we travel separately. Vicki is going early and not returning until the end of January to spend time with her mom and family members.

1. Continue to pray for the new people the Saltzmanns are meeting for new witnessing opportunities
2. For a year of better health for both of us (Vicki had another eye MRI. Test results in February)
3. Continue to pray for the salvation of the husbands of: Mrs. Sonoda, Mrs. Kuwata, Mrs. Kawabata



Lt:Mrs. Sonoda: rt middle-Widow lady, Mrs Yoshida, bottom rt: tea time-Yui San family



Top: Our current faithful English speaking Christians:lt.to rt: KenSan, Riz and Niya, Saltzmanns



rt top: Mrs. Sonoda & Ms Akimoto for drama reading; bottom rt: Riz & Niya

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

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