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Dear Praying Friends **May 2026**

Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation. Lamentations 4:19

Lamenting over God's righteous judgment of Judea causes the writer to acknowledge God's unchanging and everlasting authority to judge the sins of the people. Although it is a hard thing to endure, it is good to acknowledge this when God convicts us of sin. Then we can with Godly sorrow repent and turn back to God. We can say in the end that it was good to be afflicted when we respond correctly.

Due to* the Saltzmans having some of his side of the family *coming for a visit to Teshio, *we enjoyed taking part in a family BBQ Japanese style with them, and a special Mother's Day service and carry in dinner. Both brought extra opportunities with those that are in contact with us especially because the Saltzmans are here training. Those of you who have traveled these years with us, know how much this means to us. The Saltzman's daily desire to be a joy to us, their Lord and reach the community is such a blessing. One elderly gentleman, who they see every week, was able to attend the BBQ and one of the mothers and her baby and young daughters came to the **Mother's Day service**. Ken was also able to mention several different points of Christianity in conversation with Mr. Takeda at the BBQ as well. We had the fun of having a special photo background put up and Vicki enjoyed taking special Mother's Day photos after the service. This provided a way for the Saltzman family to get some special memory making photos as well. A lady who we call **Riki-San came late** but we keep praying she will attend from the church service time instead of just the dinner really soon. We are thankful she keeps coming.*

*There is also a special week of back-to-back holidays in the first part of the month **so Sekito and Rachel (Smith) Yamagami** and their 1-year-old son were able to spend an overnight with us on their way to the northern city to see his aging parents. They live over 5 hours away so don't get up there very often. It was such a blessing to fellowship with them for that short time. They are a great asset to the ministry of Suzuran Bible Baptist Church in Kitahiroshima City in southern Hokkaido.*

*At the end of the month, we made a two day trip to Asahikawa, not for health issues this time, but **to help watch Cassian Saltzman (the baby) while his parents had their first try at the challenging written drivers test** to continue the steps in obtaining their Japanese Driver's licenses. Thankfully, Aly passed but Jadon didn't, so he will be retaking it on the 9th of June. Please pray for him to pass this time. They were taking their tests in English which was just translated sometimes it seemed as is and was strange wording. We are sure Jadon will pass this next time. Then they will get some appointments to do some practice runs on the drivers' course before taking the driving test. We know they would appreciate having prayer support so that these steps can go forward and they pass the first time they take the driving test. It is a very challenging test and quite strict here in Japan. They also have the deadline for their international driver's licenses running out in August.*

***The next day we helped KenSan, our Filipino believer see a doctor at a Respiratory Clinic**. Her Japanese has improved over the last 3 years but finds many subjects difficult too. Following a dr speak of health issues is also a challenge for all of us at times. Thankfully, they determined she probably has exercise induced asthma so prescribed an inhaler for when she needs it. We had plenty of time then to travel back north to Teshio and it was a beautiful day, so enjoyed a picnic lunch in a park on the way home. As you pray for those we are trying to minister to, please pray for wisdom and endurance for KenSan. Life is extremely challenging for her without family around, hardly any friends outside of our group, and working in a lockdown home for those with dementia and Alzheimer's. Hard to understand the elderly many times and in this case even harder. **Ken's passport** needed to be updated so he sent it off this month by mail with all the information and a new photo. Please pray it is expedited quickly and completely**. Riz, the husband of the Assistant English teacher here in Teshio** (they attend every week) is here as a dependent of his wife. He has had to send in various paperwork as well to immigrations for his residency card. Please also pray that there would be no complications to this need. Japan government leaders are beginning to put various rules in place for non-Japanese residents. While we are not concerned, we still don't take our need to be able to stay and not have any changes in our conditions here for granted. Those that they are cracking down on haven't paid taxes, bills, etc. of which we are very faithful to do.*

Prayer Requests:

1. *Continue to pray for the salvation of the husbands of: Mrs. Sonoda, Mrs. Kuwata, Mrs. Kawabata*
2. *Jadon and Aly's continued steps toward Japanese drivers' licenses*
3. *For teaching and mentoring those that are in church fellowship with us currently.*
4. *To be able to get to know better three Teshio single men who moved back here to work.*
5. *For the salvation of Mr. Oota, the Kuwata family, Mr and Mrs. Takeda, Mr. and Mrs. Mori, Riki San and so many more.*
6. *For Stellar's ongoing application needs to get Religious Refuge status in Korea.*

Serving Christ Together, Ken & Vicki Mansell

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

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