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Dear Praying Friends

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*So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath,
he cannot be my **disciple**. Luke 14:33*

Being a **disciple** is not salvation. That is not by works but by faith in the finished salvation through Jesus. Being a **disciple** is a level of commitment to our Lord as taught in Luke 14. Being a **disciple** of Jesus Christ our Lord, requires complete surrender of all things and loved ones to the teachings, commands and leading of our master. Being a **disciple** is living a life that is dedicated to Jesus.

We enjoy our summer months so much at ease of getting around, both for ourselves, and for others as well. Because we are so far north, we aren't on a well beaten path, although over the years we have had many opportunities to meet those traveling north by foot, by bicycle or by motorcycle. Sometimes, it also might be someone from our past that comes by. It is a reminder that the seed planting that has gone on while they were here, can continue no matter where they are and then we can be encouraged when they desire to see us again if even for a couple hours. Two of our past single people showed up this month. We haven't seen **Mr. Hori** in probably 25 years. He is a Christian whose job had him in Teshio for 3 years. Now he will be in the area again and we trust to see him as often as possible. His enthusiastic personality hasn't changed a bit! **Ms. Matoba** is an unsaved lady who studied with us while her job had her in town. We are very thankful that, even though her visits are rare, she does desire to come back and see us when in Teshio. Lunch with her was enjoyable and she took home a packet of Christian reading materials. Our final surprise visit was **Dr. and Mrs. Urayama**. He was the main dr at a rural hospital about 20 minutes from us and they are Christians. They moved after he retired a few years ago down to Osaka in southern Japan. We miss them but do keep in touch. They came up here to central Hokkaido with their 3rd and 6th grade granddaughters and surprised us by driving up to see us. What a blessing, especially when Dr. Urayama said, "We need to get started back but would you pray first Ken!" **Finally, we had a special extended opportunity** due to a study program by Murdoch University in Perth, Australia in combination with their extended campus in Singapore and in collaboration with Hokusai University in Sapporo, Hokkaido. There was a total of 20 students, and about 24 in the group who were here from Thursday evening to early Monday morning. We had offered our home for home stay needs for the students. Long story short, we had 5 young ladies with us, including breakfast every morning. Then one morning we found out some of the students had to go to a convenience store for breakfast, so we made sourdough pancakes and waffles for about 22 the next morning in three shifts! What fun and such a great opportunity. Two of the mornings, our 5 ladies were able to join us in our daily morning Bible reading time together. We also gave them each a John/Romans to take home, along with an English Bible verse calendar. One of the young ladies, ended up being a Christian and she was thrilled she ended up with us. Phone apps allow us to keep in touch with many in this era, so we are thankful for that as well. God never has 'accidental' meetings, so we thank Him for allowing us to take part. This group was here to do a study on Rejuvenating Tourism with a final presentation given with four themes. They get special credits for these university studies and Teshio was given many ideas for sustaining industries and opportunities here in Teshio including a one-year plan up to a 10-year plan for a couple items. We were very impressed by the talent, friendliness, kindness and participation of the group members.

Health update: Ken will be having his six-month full checkup via 3 university hospital doctors on the first Friday of August. Vicki had her right eye cataract surgery with a decision to put a far-sighted vision lens in that eye. For 72 years she has had one far sighted and one near sighted so is excited that maybe her actual vision will improve with this help, as well as new contacts and glasses (yes, she must wear both at the same time). The surgery took a little longer than expected and was a bit traumatic, but all went well. She will be fitted with the new lens for that eye in her glasses as well as one new contact the same Friday, at the same hospital that Ken has his checkup, so that is beneficial, too. If all goes well for Ken, they will change from 2 checks a year to just one! Thank you always for praying for our health challenges as we continue.

Thank you for **praying for the Saltzmans as they went through their first try** at the driving tests to obtain their Japanese driving licenses. Even Japanese have a hard time passing the first time for it is quite extensive: over a prescribed course, a set number of contextual steps to be done in a correct order after you sit in the car and then the driving course itself. Please keep praying, especially as they will try again on the 12th of August since they didn't pass the first time. They continue to study hard, make contacts within the community and be a blessing during their training! May we all be found faithful!

Prayer Requests:

1. Continue to pray for the salvation of the husbands of: Mrs. Sonoda, Mrs. Kuwata, Mrs. Kawabata
2. Jadon and Aly taking Japanese drivers license driving tests on the 12th of August. International DL runs out in September..
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 Refugee status in Korea.

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Urayama



Mr. Hori



Ms Matoba



University Opportunity



Ken preaching on Sundays

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