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Dear Praying Friends

August 2026

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: John 3:14

Moses was told by God to lift up before the people a brazen serpent on a pole. By just looking at it and believing, they could be healed from the poisonous snake bites. Similarly, we are commanded to lift up the truth before people who have been bitten by the poisonous sin. All who look to Christ and believe will be forgiven and given eternal life!

August is vacation month in Japan with school vacation part of that reason. So, we got some of the blessing of that, not by going anywhere but having fellow missionaries, Chris and Kim Walters and their two children, Sophie and Alan visit us for two and a half days. We live about 4 ½ hours away from each other, so we appreciated them making the trip. A great time of fellowship, not only for us but for an evening over supper adding the Saltzmans and our Filipino young lady as well. We are not on the trodden path, so we appreciated the extra effort to come. Saltzmans also had family from her side visit the later half of the month, so we didn't have our typical schedule with them but hope to get back to it soon.



Why not immediately? Well, there was a scheduled health check via a stay at a small gastrointestinal clinic hospital for Vicki to make sure nothing bigger was going on with various issues she had been having since the first of the year. They did a complete check of everything including extras like the heart, and praise the Lord, nothing deeply concerning was found. At this point, the Dr thinks her asthma and allergy medications needed to be adjusted so did that. We trust this takes care of it, and time will certainly show that or not. Vicki also enjoyed handing out her photography/Japanese verse cards to staff and they were well received. God will work!

At the end of that time, we did enjoy a visit from a mom and her two daughters along with the mom's brother. Both grew up in Teshio and moved away. Their parents are no longer here either, but Shohei, the brother, moved back this last spring to work in Public Relations for Teshio City office. She met and married a man from Seoul so moved there. It had been 12 years since we saw her and met her daughters (age 6 and 11) for the first time. They came for the evening with supper and a game with the girls. They attended SS when they were growing up. We hope Shohei will come again sometime to a service.

Ken had started to not feel well that week and had to pull out of the evening except to come out and get a couple photos and greet them. He was getting lethargic and had no appetite and the little bit of food he tried to eat didn't settle well. So by Monday the 31st he went to our local hospital. They did several tests and bloodwork also showed that his blood count was quite high. A CT scan showed what looked like an infection in the rt. Unhealthy kidney. The Dr wanted to put him in the hospital and start antibiotic IVs, but Ken asked that he be able to rest at home in his own chair and sleep in his own bed and would come into the hospital every day for the IVs. They agreed. But after 3 days, his blood count wasn't changing and after the Dr here conferred with the urology department at the University Hospital in Asahikawa (3 ½ hrs away where we go often) which has treated Ken quite often and done surgeries for stones in the past, said he needed to be transferred to that hospital. As soon as Vicki could gather things for Ken to be hospitalized as well as an overnight back for herself, the local ambulance did the transfer with Vicki following not too long afterwards in our own vehicle. As of today, September 6th, Ken's numbers are coming down finally, so we are encouraged. We appreciate your continued support in prayers for his needs. He wants to keep doing his upmost best that he can at this age so we trust this time of treatment will help him greatly. They are going to start strength training of his legs through rehab this week as well as continuing to monitor various numbers that need to come down and stay down.



Once again God has encouraged us for staying in this rural area, because a Japanese young lady who is in her 4th year of university studies, came to Teshio to work temporarily until November. Momoka has a good salvation testimony and was thrilled to find out she was going to be able to attend church while here. We are thankful we can be here for the temporary residents as well as the permanent.



(lt-rt: Niya, Aly, Momoka and KenSan)

Prayer Requests:

1. Continue to pray for the salvation of the husbands of: Mrs. Sonoda, Mrs. Kuwata, Mrs. Kawabata
2. Jadon and Aly retaking Japanese drivers license driving tests on the 10th of 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.

Serving Christ Together, Ken & Vicki Mansell

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

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