



the Scott Family Missionaries in Japan



Hello Pastors and Praying friends,

July 2026

It has been such a wonderful time of celebration here in Japan. God has done some wonderful things here in Hirosaki, and we are thankful for all that He has done. Thank you for your prayers and support for our family, without which we could not do what we are doing here in Japan.

In May, we traveled to Fukushima to take part in a family camp held at Adata Bible Camp. Because there are very few churches in northern Japan, people in our church often ask about events like this where they can meet and fellowship with other Christians. They thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Also in May, we had the wonderful privilege of celebrating our church's second anniversary. It is amazing to think that two years have already passed, but the Lord has done so many things during that time. During the service, we enjoyed reminiscing about all that the Lord has done, as well as having a wonderful time of fellowship afterward.

We also had a very unique situation take place in May. As many of you know, we teach an English class here in Japan called "Kids English Time." We normally have around 10 to 15 children each time we hold the class. During May, however, many schools hold their annual field days. These events are held on Saturdays, so most of the children were unable to attend our class.

One family, however, chose to attend even though they were the only family there. This gave us the opportunity to sit down with them and get to know them better. During our conversation, we were able to bring up the subject of church and explain what it is like to attend a church service.

This was an amazing opportunity because it led to both parents attending our church for the first time this past Sunday. It is amazing to see how God can take what might seem like a negative situation—not having many children attend the English class—and use it for His glory.

In June, I received a phone call from a lady who wanted to attend one of our services. That Sunday, she came and enjoyed a time of worship with us. After the service, she thanked me and began to share her testimony. She had been saved more than 40 years ago and, as she put it, before getting "too old," she wanted to make one final journey throughout Japan. However, she was very concerned that she would not be able to attend church during her travels. As she looked at a map, she noticed that there were very few solid churches for her to attend the farther north she traveled. She began to feel discouraged, but then she found our church online. She expressed how thankful she was that someone would come all the way from the United States to start a church in an area of Japan where there are very few churches. Her words reminded me of *Matthew 9:37-38*: "***Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.***"

We are so thankful that the Lord has placed us here in Hirosaki, but there are many other cities around us that still need a Gospel-preaching church. Please pray with us that God would call many more labourers to come to Japan and help reach its people with the Gospel of Christ.

Striving together,
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