

“AKEMASHITE OMEDETOU GOZAIMASU!” HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our annual Christmas party for the children was held on US Marine Corp Air Base Iwakuni so that they could experience the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. This was the first time for us to bring them on base for an event. The Lord allowed us to bring over 70 people, nearly all staff and children in this institution. The day before the party, two of the children didn't have the correct paperwork. It almost got cancelled, but God intervened and they were allowed to come on the base. Praise the Lord! Everyone enjoyed the game, food (American pizza), tree lighting, and everyone heard about the true meaning of Christmas.

Most of the children living in the orphanage have parents who are living, but for various reasons cannot (or will not) take care of them. But those parents have not given up their legal rights to their children, so they are not adoptable. Please pray that the children who are living in the orphanage will experience the love of God, and that He would heal the hurts of brokenhearted.



Orphanage Christmas Party

NURSING HOME MINISTRY



Singing Christmas songs at a nursing home

Through Joseph's piano teacher, Yasue, the Lord opened the door for us to sing Christmas carols at a local nursing home. The youth and their families sang several songs in English and in Japanese. During the singing of "Silent Night" we were surprised and excited to see that one of the elderly residents was singing along with us! After singing, we enjoyed playing a game together, and we left them with handmade Christmas ornaments with Isaiah 9:6, on the back.

Before we left, we shook hands and several told us they enjoyed their time with us and asked us to come back and visit. Please pray God will provide opportunities to visit them again.

FAMILY NEWS

We are happy to announce that our daughter Taiko is engaged to Mark Bennet. We were glad to meet him during our home assignment last summer. We are thankful that the Lord is providing a Christian man for Taiko. They plan on getting married this summer.

Sam and Paige are doing well and living in Colorado. Joseph (16 years old) is a junior in high school and working hard to finish up his required classes to graduate and go off to college.

Thank you for praying for our kids.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISE

- ◇ We had many opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ during the Christmas season.
- ◇ Joseph is enjoying serving at church doing the sound board.
- ◇ We thank God for the ministry team here at Calvary Chapel Iwakuni and ministry partners supporting us from the USA.



Mark and Taiko



Going for a walk in a bamboo forest.

PRAYER

- ◇ For a closer walk with God, to surrender to Him whole heartedly, listen to His voice, and be obedient to Him.
 - ◇ That our marriage relationship would honor Him
 - ◇ For our family's spiritual, emotional, and physical health.
 - ◇ For continued good relationships with the staff and children at the orphanage. For opportunities to share our faith with them through our action and words.
 - ◇ For more opportunities to visit the nursing home and share God's love
 - ◇ For God's guidance and wisdom in training up Joseph and preparing him for adulthood.
 - ◇ For our language acquisition, so that we could better communicate the message of the Gospel
- ◇ We will be adding a second Sunday worship service starting in February. Pray that the Lord would raise up faithful people to serve in the different ministries.
 - ◇ For the Foundations classes to give people a firm foundation to believe and thrive in the faith.

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