



Wrapping up

December 2022

Dear Pastors, Friends, and Faithful Supporters,

About once a month, we host a “Lunch and learn” at the church. Everyone brings a lunch, we eat together after the service, and then we have a Q&A and study a topic from the Bible. During this time, one man asked “**What does it mean to believe in Jesus?**” I don’t think I could have asked a better question! We plan to have Lunch and Learn more frequently in the coming months. We also baked sweet potatoes afterward.



At the top of December, Rosie hosted a **ladies’ Christmas tea** at the church. She shared the Christmas story (and by extension the Gospel) with the 5 ladies in attendance (including **2 first-time visitors**).



Lunch and Learn

In looking to start another location on the south side of town, we were approved to rent a promising facility. Our realtor was working hard to ensure there would be no hindrances to ministry in the contract, but the other real estate company came back with some clauses that would hinder open ministry. We have decided to look for a different place and ask you to pray with us for wisdom as we search for and trust God to provide a better location.



Christmas Tea

Our **first church plant needs a new location** as well because the current space is beginning to hinder growth. We recently contacted the community center close by to see if we could use a room there. We scheduled a time to check out the space, but I received a call the day before saying they would not permit their space to be used for religious purposes. Please pray that the Lord will open doors as we look for a more spacious place to meet.



Ezra :)

On a personal note, our 10 month old son Ezra has started walking. He seems to adore Amos, our second son. Just earlier this morning, we looked up to see them holding hands as they walked around the house together.

We appreciate your prayers and support. Thank you for coming alongside us and enabling us to minister in Japan.

P.S. We have a special ministry opportunity for next summer. Could you post the enclosed info to your church bulletin board?

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Summer 2023 Ministry Opportunity in Japan

Basketball + Outreach + Discipleship

Love Basketball? Want to do something for Jesus? Let's talk!

We are currently looking for 3 guys to come to Japan on a ministry internship for the summer of 2023.

During this three-month internship, you and two other guys will be responsible for spending time at a local basketball court to make friendships and help connect young guys to a new church plant in addition to helping with other minor ministry activities.

Japanese language skills are not required to apply but language learning will be included in the internship.

Objectives

- Experiencing Cross cultural ministry
- Making friends through basketball to share the Gospel
- Learning to share the Gospel with people who have no Christian context

Benefits

- Housing and plane ticket provided
- Live and work in Japan for the summer
- Learn basic Japanese
- See church planting and missionary work firsthand

Application process

Email or text the following info (contact info below)

- Your name
- How you became a Christian
- Basketball experience
- Two references (one must be your pastor)

Dates May to August (some flexibility)

Cost

Interns will need to raise approximately \$2000 to cover some food and in-country travel. The plane ticket to and from Japan and housing will be provided. Training provided on how to raise funds.

We will be conducting interviews via Zoom as well as reaching out to your references. Once we have screened candidates, we will notify all about whether they have been accepted or not. **Must apply by January 27th.**

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