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Associate Missionaries-Japan
Monthly Report-July- August 2017

Praise the Lord! God is doing awesome things in Japan!

- AYC was such a blessing to Fukuoka, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki! The team was wonderful, very helpful and cooperative. They told us that they were happy to be part of the prayer and work involved in church planting and look forward to reports of what God does in this nation. Their testimonies, singing, and powerful prayers made a great impact everywhere we went. One great impact they made was during the concert at a public hall. About 40 Japanese of all ages were present and began to clap their hands with smiles on their faces and join in singing, "One way, Jesus!" We have lunch this week with one of the young ladies we met at the concert. The prayer time on top of the mountain in Nagasaki no doubt has done more than we can see with our natural eyes. Thank you AYC!
- The Japanese minister in Hiroshima continues to be blessed and is moving forward with determination. She will be moving closer to Hiroshima city this month, with help from her co-workers. God has given her favor with them, and she reported that they said, "You do the work of God. When you need off, just tell us!" They are her friends and giving her many things with her house setup. She also now has a good car. God is such a great provider. Weekly, they meet together and her friends son is really enjoying learning Bible stories about Jesus. She also prepares a nice meal for them to enjoy together. Sounds like the book of Acts. We are looking forward to New Birth reports soon! Please pray for more laborers in Hiroshima.
- This month, we had the first official worship gathering in Oita! There are two public halls there that we can choose from to reserve, both near Oita Station. One brother who lives about 40 min. from Oita, brings his friends from work. We looked three different places for his friend to be baptized this past Sunday, finally locating a river that had good access. Glory to God! Hirakawa san says that he will be baptized next month. Prayers for Japanese men are being answered! At the station, a person from a both asked our group, "are you on a group trip?", and Hirakawa san answered with the rest of us, "we are a Christian group." A Japanese man saying that was powerful! Yes, Japanese can be Christians and not only followers of Buddhism or Shinto! Hallelujah!
- Next month, we are planning to begin men's and ladies' meetings. Because of distance between the cities, we are hoping that we can all meet in a strategic place, then go back to our homes encouraged and ready to see more souls born into God's wonderful Kingdom!
- I am traveling with Brother Doan and Brother Ellis this month for special training and Bible school graduations at three different campuses in Japan. We had a powerful graduation in Mie this past weekend with people receiving the Holy Ghost and the graduates rejoicing together. As we have learned from Brother Doan, trained workers are what we need for God's harvest!

May God richly bless you all!
-Les and Laura Clevenger



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