

Community Outreach

We are continuing to build contacts in the community. As our Japanese has (slowly) improved, we have had increased success meeting new people and developing closer relationships with the people of Nago City.

In April were Stacie's , and our daughter Kiana's birthdays. Even a child's birthday is a great opportunity for outreach! We invited several children (and their parents) to a birthday party for Kiana in a community park. We met a few new families and continued to build rapport with previous contacts, including a young mother Kiomi-san and her daughter Niko-chan.



We have also continued to build our relationship with Kiomi-san. She is the owner of a Cafe, where we have been teaching English to some in the community, including Kiomi son Tadakastu. While Kiomi, has not attended our services yet (partly due to her work schedule), she has taken an interest in our preaching point. When she heard that we were looking for a regular meeting location, she took it upon herself to contact other churches in the community regarding rental or building sharing. Recently, she also offered to let us use her Cafe Sunday evenings if we can't find a church building. She also told me that her son went to a catholic kindergarten, and that she used to listen to the lessons in the classes. I really feel that God is pulling on her.

Trip to Tokyo and Iida

Early in May, I was able to attend the Japanese UPC general conference in Tokyo. I was great to meet with many wonderful ministers with whom I love to have an opportunity to fellowship.



After the conference, a small group of us traveled to the city of lida (*ee-dah*). There we met with a contact named Sachiko. She had previously been baptized and received the Holy Ghost. We met with Sachiko and several of her Filipino friends and we had the opportunity to baptize two of them (Karlo and Levien) in a nearby river.



Please continue to pray for our family, for our health, and for the work in Nago city. Pray that God will provide a regular place for us to meet and hold services. Please also pray for the small group in lida city with two newly baptized members.

Thank you all and God Bless!