

God is good and what He does is always good!!



Left: Valentines dinner with friends at a Japanese Hawaiian restaurant.
Right: Youth at church



Praise the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!! We hope this newsletter finds you all well.

In our last Christmas newsletter, we mentioned about the physical challenges that we all faced. Well, We are sad to say that Kaku's only sister passed away April 18th, 2010 a little 3:00am from heart failure.

Even though this is a very sorrowful time for us as a family, we know her sister is in heaven with Jesus right now (she accepted Jesus in Jan this year while she was in the hospital). No more pain, sorrow, nor sickness for her any more.... Her sister's husband is not a Christian, but he told us he could see the change in his wife since we had started visiting and praying with her everyday while she was in the hospital. On top of all of that he said he wanted to have us do the funeral for her in the Christian way. We were so blessed by this and because of it we were able share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with about 150 people with most of them hearing the Gospel for the first time. Some of them came to both funeral services that we had for her.

Kaku's parents bought a piece of land as our family grave site from a local Buddhist temple 10 years ago, but we decided to return that to them (we don't really know if we get the money back from the temple) and are going to buy a new grave site from this non-religious organization in Atami city. By doing this, we will not belong to this temple. This, we believe, is a miracle of God and we are so grateful for that. Kaku's father and brother-in-law are not believers yet, but they are so understanding with what we want to do as Christians. We have truly seen the hand of God through all of this.

Besides this we had another member who just got baptized in December last year at our Christmas service pass away on the Monday after Kaku's sister passed away. We then will do his funeral today even as I'm writing this. (This will be our 4th funeral service for 3 different people in the last month.) We believe that God is working all things together for our good. And the verse that keeps coming to me is found in John 12:24,

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

We are believing God for a great harvest as we stand in His presence and on His promises.

Kaku's dad and mom are a little more stable in their health as of this writing. Kaku's mom is healthy enough to be able to come to church again even though there still are many visits to the doctors/hospital. We are so thankful that God does work all things together for good according to HIS PURPOSES!!

The Lord has spoken to us that it is now time to fly back to the States for a visit in June. It has been almost 4 years since we have been back. We will be in the States from June 8th to July 7th. When God spoke to us about this, we had to accept it by faith because we had no other way of seeing how it could happen. With Kaku's family's health the way it was and no money in the bank for 4 people to fly back, it was a real step of faith. But God has stabilized her family's health and God has already started to provide the finances we will need to go back. One big help is that New Day Community Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan is raising

money to help pay for our tickets. We have also received money from other sources as we draw near the time to go.

For the first part of our trip to the States we are bringing 2 of our members and we will treat it as a short mission trip. We plan to do some prayer walking and other ministry. We, as a team, will be at New Day Community Church of Kalamazoo Sunday, the 13th of June in the morning. And at Prarieville Church in Delton, Michigan, Sunday, the 13th in the evening. We also have a barbecue party Saturday, June 12th at 5:00 pm to be able to catch up with friends and family and allow all those that would like to see us and our members to have that opportunity. If you plan to come to this event, please let me or my father know, so we know how much to prepare for. We are asking people to bring a side dish and our mission team will provide the meat and drinks. After the mission part of our trip, (June 15th), it will be time for some family time and just trying to take it easy and have some fun. I guess that is the big news for us as a family and as a church.

Other church news is that some of our members have still not found full time jobs, but that has not stopped them from standing in faith and God HAS provided many of them with jobs. They are just not sure how long their jobs will last. The church has gotten a bit smaller with another family moving on to new challenges. They also lost their jobs and their kids are grown up and off to college. But we are excited to see God really touching others. This Japanese man, who left his city (Nagoya city) at 3:00am to get to our church for the Sunday morning service, got saved just this last Sunday. He and his wife are coming once a month to our marriage course and we are just praying that God will use us for however long they are with us.

Kaku gave a message this last Sunday after not giving a message for years lol. It was great to see her up there and really had a "now" word that I believe touched many people. I appreciated her taking the step of faith and giving a message. Also our son, Daniel, translated her message, which was such a blessing! It was his very first time to translate a message and he did an awesome job!! We are so grateful to see God use us as a family.

If you would like more information about us or the church, please write or see me on Facebook. And if anyone is interested in helping us in this adventure of us going back to the US, please write me (dennis@hifjapan.org) or contact my father (Donald Sager) in Delton, MI (616-623-2483).

Once again we can't thank you all enough for all your love, prayers, and support for us, the church, and the Kingdom of God!! We pray that God would multiply all that you have given/done for us back to you a hundred fold!! We hope we can see many of you in Michigan!!

We pray that you all are in good health and on fire for the things of God. May the Lord bless you all richly.

Love in Christ,

Dennis, Kaku, Adrienne, & Daniel Sager

So here are the prayer requests:

1. For overall health of Kaku's parents
2. For enough support to come in as we go back to the States for a visit and take/lead a mission team with us
3. For long-term jobs for our members
4. For the rent of our building
5. For continued growth of the members
6. For more worship team members
7. And as always, that God would continue to bring a harvest of souls in and that they would be disciplined