



# THE BROWN FAMILY TO OKAYAMA, JAPAN



Dear Friends & Supporting Churches,

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We are incredibly thankful for all the churches and individuals who have supported us in reaching this pivotal moment in our journey. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support have made it possible for us to arrive in Japan and begin our work here. Without your partnership, we would not be where we are today.

We arrived in Kakegawa on July 31st and spent our first few weeks settling in and navigating the necessary paperwork. Enomoto sensei and the church members have been an invaluable help, dedicating countless hours to assist us with various tasks, from city hall visits to shopping for essentials. Their support has been instrumental in helping us establish ourselves here.

Our initial experience at Kakegawa Bible Baptist has been enriching. We are enjoying getting to know the church members and integrating into the community. We are actively exploring the best options for language learning and are in the process of setting up a schedule to ensure effective study.

During our initial settling period, we had the delightful opportunity to visit friends and fellow missionaries, Brendan and Karin Morgan, in Osaka. Enomoto sensei kindly encouraged us to take some time for ourselves and our children to explore and experience more of Japan beyond Kakegawa. Our visit to Osaka was a refreshing break and allowed us to see different aspects of Japanese culture and life. Brendan and Karin were wonderful hosts, and their hospitality provided us with both practical insights and spiritual encouragement. It was a much-needed time of rejuvenation and connection that we greatly appreciated.

The kids began their first week of school amidst a challenging situation—a typhoon that swept across Japan. Thankfully, our area experienced only minor inconveniences from the heavy rain, while other regions faced significant damage. This typhoon followed closely on the heels of a massive earthquake that had recently affected Japan. Despite the circumstances, our children have adapted well to their new school, which is designed to help foreign children transition into the Japanese education system. They have already started making friends, and the younger two children have been approved to start Nursery/Kindergarten on October 1st.

Currently, our major hurdle is finalizing some paperwork that has delayed our ability to transfer funds directly. This paperwork is essential for proving residency for banking purposes in Japan. Although the approval came through this week, we have not yet received the necessary documentation. We are hopeful that this issue will be resolved soon so that we can fully engage in our ministry work.

Thank you once again for your steadfast support and prayers. We are excited to be here and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. Your partnership is a vital part of our mission, and we are grateful for each one of you.

**In Christ,  
Randy Brown and family**

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