



THE BROWN FAMILY TO OKAYAMA, JAPAN



Dear Friends & Supporting Churches,

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As 2024 closed, we were filled with gratitude for all that God has done this past year and for your continued prayers and support. It has been an eventful and busy month, with many special moments and opportunities to connect with others in our new home in Japan.

This December, the church here hosted a wonderful Christmas party for our children. The church came together to make it a special time for the kids. It was an encouragement to see how the members here are welcoming our children with open arms and hearts. This has been such an uplifting experience for us as parents, knowing that our children are not only being cared for but also loved by the church family.

Our church held a special Christmas service, and we were able to sing our very first Japanese-language special song. It was a humbling experience, and we felt truly blessed to contribute to the worship service in this new way. We also had the privilege of handing out many fliers to people in the area, inviting them to join us for the special Christmas events. The church also held a beautiful Christmas Eve candlelight service, which was a meaningful time of worship and reflection on the birth of our Savior.

Enomoto sensei took Randy and the kids up to the top of Higashi Mountain with a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji. While the view of God's creation was breathtaking, the nearby shrine on the mountaintop, as well as the giant wicker snake, was a pointed reminder of why we are here in Japan.

In the midst of all the holiday activities, we were overjoyed to welcome our dear friends, Chris and Kim Walters, to visit us over the New Year. It had been over two years since we had seen them, and it was such a blessing to reconnect with them. Kim was in our wedding, and they have been a huge source of encouragement in our lives. Chris and Kim are missionaries serving in Hokkaido, Japan, and it was a true gift to spend time with them. Being able to serve in Japan alongside such close friends, especially those who understand the unique challenges and joys of missionary life, is an incredible encouragement to us.

Randy was allowed the privilege to preach the final Sunday service of the year. We are thankful for every opportunity to share God's Word and learn more about how to minister here in Japan.

As we reflect on all that God has done, we also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the churches that helped us finish deputation and make it to Japan. Without your faithful support, none of this would be possible. We are excited to continue serving here and are looking forward to the opportunities that the new year will bring.

Thank you again for your prayers and support throughout this year. Your partnership means more to us than words can express, and we are grateful to be on this journey together.

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