



# THE BROWN FAMILY TO OKAYAMA, JAPAN



Dear Friends & Supporting Churches,

March-April 2025

We greet you with hearts full of gratitude as we reflect on the blessings of March and April. These past two months have been filled with important milestones, encouragement, and continued growth. We are excited to share how the Lord has been working in our lives here in Japan.

A major blessing for our family this March was the visit from my parents, who came to stay with us for several weeks. It had been quite some time since we had seen them, and their visit was such an encouragement. It was a joy to share our experiences here. Their presence and support reminded us of God's faithfulness in bringing us this far in our journey.

In addition to this, our children had the opportunity to attend Jr. Camp, a special time away for spiritual growth. We are incredibly thankful to Enomoto sensei for taking them to camp and for looking after them during this time. It was a great opportunity for the children to bond with others and grow in their faith.

One of the most significant moments for our family in March was Scott's decision to accept Christ as his Savior. We had seen signs of conviction in his heart for months, and we rejoiced when he finally expressed his desire to be saved. His first concern after his decision was for his Japanese friends at school, asking how he could share the Gospel with them. We are so thankful for the work the Lord is doing in his life.

During this time, I also had the privilege of attending a monthly regional pastors' meeting. It was a humbling experience to connect with pastors and ministry leaders. It was encouraging to hear how God is working throughout Japan, and it motivated me to keep pressing forward in our ministry here.

April also marked the beginning of school for Dean and Elijah. Both of them started at new schools, adjusting to the Japanese education system. Gwen, on the other hand, was excited to be starting back up and seeing her friends. All three of them have been adjusting well to their routines, and we are grateful for how they have embraced this new phase of their lives.

Easter was another special time for us. We had the opportunity to invite a Japanese friend to church, and she and her kids were able to join us for the Easter service. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the message of the Resurrection.

Our littlest, Chris, decided to stick his finger in a fan. One ER visit and several stitches later, he has healed well.

We continue to make progress with our Japanese language learning. Although it remains challenging, we are encouraged by the progress we are making. More and more, we're able to have conversations and explain in Japanese why we are here. We are committed to continuing this journey and are thankful for each step forward. Finally, we are pleased to share that we passed the written exam for our Japanese driver's licenses! The next step is the driving exam, which we will be taking at the end of May. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for that final step.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. Your partnership in this ministry is a blessing, and we are so grateful for each of you. We look forward to the next steps in our journey here in Japan and are excited to see what God has in store for the coming months.

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