



THE BROWN FAMILY TO OKAYAMA, JAPAN



Dear Friends & Supporting Churches,

Jan-Feb 2026

The months of January and February have largely been a return to the normal rhythm of life here in Japan. Much of our time has been spent getting back into the regular schedule of school, language study, and the many smaller opportunities the Lord gives us to connect with people in our community.

During this time I also had the opportunity to attend a local pastors' fellowship meeting in Seto, in Aichi Prefecture. It was an encouraging time of fellowship with other pastors serving in this region. Opportunities like this are always a blessing, both for encouragement and for strengthening relationships between churches laboring throughout this part of Japan.

The cherry blossoms, or sakura, bloomed a little early this year, which gave us the chance to take a family outing to enjoy the blossoms together. It is always a beautiful time of year, and many people gather in parks and public spaces to view the flowers. Even during that simple outing, the Lord gave us a few opportunities to speak with curious Japanese people who asked why our family had come to Japan. Moments like these remind us that even everyday activities can open doors for conversation and connection.

Another exciting development looking ahead is the opportunity to host a young Bible college student this coming August. A few months ago his pastor, Bro. Joe, reached out to us about a student named Vince who has a burden for Japan. Since then we have been corresponding with him as he continues his studies and seeks the Lord's direction. Vince will be spending two weeks with us this coming summer.

His visit will come at a unique time for our area. The church we are serving with will be hosting a national conference together with three nearby Baptist churches, with a guest preacher coming from Korea. This will give Vince an opportunity to meet believers and pastors from different parts of Japan and see the work that is taking place here. He has already begun studying some Japanese, so we hope to spend time working with him in the language while also helping him see firsthand both the need and the reality of ministry here.

Japan desperately needs more laborers for the harvest. Our desire is to give Vince an honest look at the early stages of ministry on the field while also encouraging him as he seeks the Lord's will for his future. Please pray for the preparations for this visit in the months ahead and that the Lord will use the time to guide his steps clearly.

Thank you for your continued prayers and faithful support. We are grateful for each of you who partners with us in the work the Lord is doing here.

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