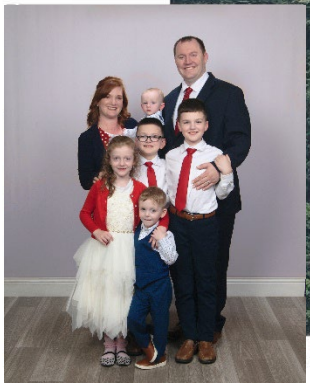




# THE BROWN FAMILY TO OKAYAMA, JAPAN



Dear Friends & Supporting Churches,

May-June 2026

The months of May and June have been filled with the regular rhythms of life and ministry here in Japan. As our family continues to grow in the language and become more involved in the ministry, we are thankful for the opportunities the Lord continues to provide. Our days stay consistently full between the children's school schedules, Japanese study, ministry responsibilities, and the many opportunities to build relationships in the community. While there are not always dramatic events to report, we are reminded that much of ministry is built through faithfulness in the ordinary.

One encouraging milestone has been the opportunities to serve more regularly at church. I continue to be regularly involved in both the worship service and Sunday school, alternating between preaching the worship service and teaching a shorter message in Japanese during Sunday school. Another special blessing was seeing Esther teach her first Sunday school lesson entirely in Japanese. It is exciting to see how the Lord continues to help both of us grow and become more useful in the ministry.

Our family also celebrated another busy birthday season, with Scott, Dean, and Gwen all celebrating birthdays during these two months. It is always a blessing to watch the children grow, and we are thankful for the ways the Lord continues to work in each of their lives.

One challenge these past couple of months has simply been sickness. It seemed that every week or two someone in the family was coming down with something different, making for a rather exhausting season. Thankfully, we finally seem to be turning a corner, and we are grateful that everyone is beginning to feel healthy again.

The Lord continues to encourage us with opportunities to build relationships. One particular blessing has been watching Elijah continue to invite friends from school to church. In recent weeks, several of his friends have been able to attend with us. It has been encouraging to watch him grow in his desire to share his faith with those around him, and we pray the Lord continues to work in the hearts of these young people.

As always, we would appreciate your prayers for our children. Even after nearly two years in Japan, the language and cultural differences can still present challenges at school. They have all made tremendous progress, but there are still days when those differences are keenly felt. Please pray that the Lord would continue to give them wisdom, grace, and strength as they grow, and that He would use them as a testimony to their classmates.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. We are grateful for each of you who partners with us in the work the Lord has called us to here in Japan.

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