



The Edwards –Ben, Rebecca, Nolan, & Eli Missionaries to Japan

Dear Praying Friends,

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Praise the Lord, He has given us another New Year to do more for Him, "more in 2024." God blessed in so many ways in 2023 in our personal lives, as well as in our church, Akigawa Baptist Church. We have continued to see the Lord work through salvations and baptisms, new members, and unity. It looks like we may also be able to pay off the church loan in the next few months, which would be five years earlier than scheduled. Wow isn't it amazing to look back on how He has blessed. We are so very thankful!

In our own family He has blessed as well. We have a second precious grandson. God allowed us to spend time in the states helping our daughter while her husband was away on a military assignment. We enjoyed watching the boys grow and we are so thankful for our time with them. During that time, we were also able to spend time with our parents, our oldest son, Andrew, and other family members. Again, we are so thankful for the amazing gifts God gives us.

While in the states we were able to see doctors regarding Rebecca's Parkinson's Disease (PD), as well as the foot problems she is having. It was encouraging to hear the doctor say the care we have been receiving in Japan for her Epilepsy and PD appears to be good. She has some symptoms showing signs of Dystonia possibly instead of PD, but he was uncertain. His recommendation at this point is to increase her medication, and to wait and see. We covet your continued prayers for her as she trusts the Lord while adjusting to these continued health issues. We serve a God who heals, in His timing, and we know He will heal her, whether it be on earth or in Heaven with Him.

We also visited some of our supporting churches and were part of a couple of missions conferences. They were a great encouragement and blessing to us as we shared what the Lord has been doing in our church and in our personal lives, we also enjoyed hearing from other missionaries.

Thank you for your love and care for us. We pray you can look back and see God's blessings in your life and look forward with the goal of doing more for our Lord in 2024.

In Christ's Service,

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