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The View From JAPAN...

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Pray for JAPAN

When it comes to missions, there is no greater tool in our arsenal than prayer. Please join our work by keeping these items on your list in the coming weeks:

- Preparations continue at a feverish pace for the upcoming **General Assembly** in June. Pray that we can continue our work in peaceful confidence that God has blessings in store for us all.
- Pray for **Denen CP Church**, who are adjusting to the departure (in April) of **Pastor Igaki** after many years serving together.
- Pray for our English classes at **Naruse CP Church**, where we continue to seek a breakthrough with some of the non-Christians.
- Pray for **Mrs. Tajima** of our Izumi English classes, who continues to seek understanding of the Christian faith. Pray that we can answer her questions clearly -- but even more, that God will open her eyes to the deeper truths.
- Give thanks along with **Minori**, who in February learned she passed her high school entrance exam. In fact, she got the only passing grade out of 5 students from her school who applied to that so-called "Super English High School" in Yokohama.
- Pray for **Chieko**, who is having hip surgery in mid-March. We hope she can cope with the expected seven weeks of hospital stay required in her exceptional case.
- Pray for **Pastor Satoh** and his family as they approach the end of their stay in America, studying at Memphis Theological Seminary. They return to Japan in May.

"SNF" Rocks and Rolls

Program for youth at Denen CP Church hits a groove!

The ministry of the Denen CP Church has always been focused on the kids in the surrounding community. Since late 2004, we've attempted a program for older youth we call "SNF" (aka, Saturday Night Fellowship). We meet weekly to sing songs in Japanese and English, hear a short message, and then finish up with games and snack time.



Late last year, our focus was on music activities, and we taught the kids how to play guitar, bass and drums so they could perform at our annual Christmas outreach. They even met Japan's #1 Christian singer, **Migiwa**.



Frankly, we've had lots of ups and downs with SNF over the years. The kids are young, and almost none of them come from Christian homes. And yet, thanks to God, they somehow continue to come week after week! We beg you to pray for our efforts as we "plant seeds" for the future...



Youth of SNF perform for neighborhood kids at the Denen Kids' Christmas Party



SNF youth and staff with Japan's #1 CCM artist, Miguiwa (3rd from right)



English Lunch Party

We are always looking for ways to deepen the connections we have with the non-Christians in our English classes. So far, we've found the best way is to schedule social events outside of our normal class time. Typical was the belated "New Year's Lunch" we had on February 9th for the ladies of our Sagamino classes. It was a great chance to get to know each other.

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