



# The Derry Family to Japan



December-February 2018

Dear Prayer Partners,

God is so good to us. A lot happened at the end of 2017 coming into 2018. We started the last month of 2017 in Japan on a second survey trip. We spent 3 weeks total in Japan, learning as much as we can about life and ministry there, and getting to know the Riffles, the missionaries in Saku that we will be working with when we get to the field. It was just amazing to be able to be part of the work going on in Saku! It was great to see how the



Michael & April Riffle, and their daughter Abigail

Lord has been moving and preparing us to go to Japan! While we were in Saku we got to help the church there get flyers out about their Christmas program, pass out tracts, visit different towns, help in a cookie bake, and many more things. The best part was we were able to help with the Christmas program and sing for more than 100 Japanese people in the hospital.



Jake preaching in Saku City, Japan

At the end of our trip, we spent a few days visiting some other missionary friends in Tokyo, and got to see what life in the city is like. With 40 million people in the greater metropolitan area, it's quite a bit different from the "small town" of Saku, which has 100,000 people. While we were in Tokyo, we got to visit one of the larger Japanese churches. It was great to hear preaching in Japanese and have a friend translate for me. I also got to visit a couple of community-held language classes and witness to one of the instructors. We did a lot of tracting and in just two days a friend of mine and I passed out 750 tracts. It was just amazing to be able to be a part of it. Our survey trip may be over, but our hearts long to be back, learning the language and getting into the ministry God has for us!

We had a little break at home during the Christmas holiday. I got to preach for my sending church when my pastor got sick. It was good to have some rest with the family before the busy travel season started back up!

We struggled with the Flu (and Charity also got pneumonia) during our first long trip of the year, but praise the Lord we all recovered after a few weeks. We are now back on the road and have already been in a GREAT mission's conference and now have another supporting church! We are praising God for what He has already done this year!

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Prayer Requests:

- \*God brings us together with the right churches
- \*Meetings to be scheduled
- \*Safety on the road
- \*Souls to be saved
- \*Protection from illness

Praises:

- \*Safety on flights to and from Japan
- \*Increased support
- \*Generosity of God's people at the churches that we have visited