



## MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN

MODERN-DAY MACEDONIA

"AND AFTER HE HAD SEEN THE VISION, IMMEDIATELY WE ENDEAVOURED TO GO INTO MACEDONIA, ASSUREDLY GATHERING THAT THE LORD HAD CALLED US FOR TO PREACH THE GOSPEL UNTO THEM."  
ACTS 16:10

Covering May 2022

### Our First Car and First Missionary-Hosting Opportunity in Japan!

Dear Partners in the Work of God,

Hallelujah! **We have our first car in Japan!** God has blessed us with a beautiful, used, pearl-white, seven-seater 2017 Toyota Sienta Hybrid G. This was purchased almost entirely with the investments from a very generous anonymous donor. We are beyond amazed and grateful that God has given us this car. We made the purchase on May 2 and were given the keys on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Due to its color, passenger capacity, and fuel economy, this will be the perfect vehicle, not only for our personal use but also to use as our first church van when we plant our church. We praise the Lord that He has already given us multiple opportunities in the month of May to use our new vehicle for His work!

We were contacted early in the month by a missionary couple that had just arrived in Kyoto, Japan, on April 9, just an hour north by car from where we live. **They are sent out of a like-minded local church of like faith and practice in Mexico, and they came by faith without any connections in Japan, nor the ability to speak anything but Spanish, the least commonly spoken major language of the world in Japan.** We decided to try to be a help to them in every way we can, with much help from Google translate! We met for the first time on May 5 and had them stay at our apartment from the 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> to help them with some procedures in Japan, as well as to introduce them to the ministries of the Senri Newtown Baptist Church, making them our first overnight guests! It was exciting to have the chance finally to apply what we have learned after being blessed by so many wonderful hosts during deputation. We transformed our office into a guest room and organized an itinerary to create as many opportunities for us to help them and for them to have as much exposure with the ministry here and its people. They became the first missionaries that we were able to show around the church on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and on the 29<sup>th</sup>, we were able to organize a lunch with one of the church's teenagers, who speaks good Spanish, as well as a dinner with our Mexican contact from the Chuo Ward of Osaka, who has yet to be saved. **We believe that God blessed these meetings as a chance for our missionary couple to be encouraged, the church teenager to learn the joy of serving the Lord, and the heart of our Mexican contact to be worked on for Christ.**

God allowed our new car to be used in many ways leading up to us picking up the missionary couple for their overnight stay. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, we made our first visit with our car to visit the couple we have been witnessing to in the Kita Ward of Osaka, who have severely declined in health. What was intended to be a short visit to deliver a meal turned into an extended time of catching up on each other's lives. **It was encouraging that they brought up the subject of Christ before we did, and it seems like with every meeting, they have more questions and express more interest in Christ.** Please continue to pray for their salvation.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, the church was able to resume teen soul winning, where we were blessed with a great turnout. **On the 19<sup>th</sup>, my wife and I celebrated our 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** We are grateful for the amazing life that God allows us to share as we continue to enjoy the work of God together! Next month, we will be surveying our third and final place that God has placed upon our hearts to consider for our first church location. Previously, we have announced this location to be Hatsukaichi, Hiroshima; however, **God closed that door to open one in Iwakuni, Yamaguchi, which is in the same region. God has given us the opportunity to conduct an evangelistic meeting there, as well as one for our church here at the end of next month.** As we will be promoting music, I was able to **finish three new hymn arrangements on the 24<sup>th</sup> for these events!** Please pray for these two enormous upcoming opportunities in June; pray that God would make His will clear to us, as we will soon be making a decision on where to plant our first church.

Your friends and co-laborers to Japan,  
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