



the **Scott Family** *Missionaries in Japan*



May 2025

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

What a wonderful couple of months it has been! The Lord has blessed in many ways, and we are so grateful for all He has done. Over the past few months we have received many messages, letters, and encouraging emails; and I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you. Each and every one has been an incredible encouragement to us. Your prayers and support have reminded me of what Paul said in Philippians 1:19—that he was confident that, because people were praying, God was at work.

May was a wonderful month of answered prayer and great blessings. When my family and I moved to Hirosaki, we had to move into a very old house simply so that we could get into the city and begin the church plant. The house was very run-down. From the beginning, we prayed that God would provide a better home for us to live in. After over two years of praying, the Lord answered and we were able to find a beautiful home near our church building—praise the Lord!

Also in May, we celebrated the one-year anniversary of our church plant. It was an absolutely wonderful time to reflect on all the Lord has done—the many visitors who have come, the countless opportunities we've had to share the gospel with dozens upon dozens of people, and even the blessing of having visitors join us on that very first anniversary Sunday. One thing I still rejoice in is that one of those visitors has continued attending our church even while we are here in the States. We are so very thankful for how God is blessing both the church plant and our family.

July was also a blessed month. At the beginning of the month, we held our final Kids English Time and English Conversation Class. We've built relationships with these children and their families, so it was hard to say goodbye for four months. We're continuing to stay in touch with them through messaging, and we're looking forward to returning to Japan and seeing them again—praying that each one will come to accept Christ as their Savior.

On July 17th, our family boarded a plane for America to begin our furlough. Thank you to all who have been praying for us. Twenty-four hours in the air and 32 total hours of travel was very tiring, but it is great to be back in the States! I am excited to see all that the Lord will do during this furlough. Being back on furlough doesn't mean that our mission takes a pause, but rather that our mission field changes for a short period of time.

Please pray for our travels over these next few months. I (James) will be traveling to many different states, and will be doing many of these trips on my own while Rebekah and the kids stay in Michigan with family. Please also pray for Hirosaki Baptist Church while we are back in the States—for visitors to come, for souls to be saved, and for lives to be changed. Looking forward to the next update!

Striving together,
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