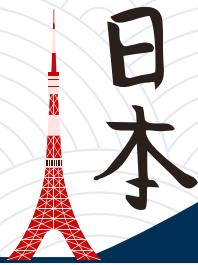


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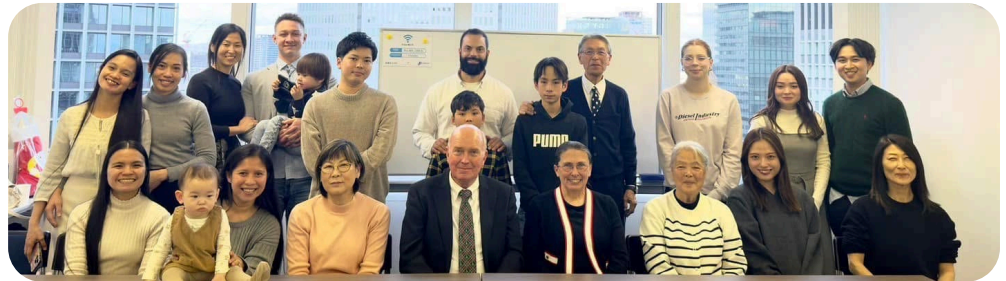


The end of March and the first part of April in Tokyo is cherry blossom season. The cherry blossom is the national flower of Japan and symbolizes hope and new beginnings. Because of their short bloom (about 10 days), they also represent the brevity of life which is a common theme in Japanese religion.



LOOKING BACK:

- Pastor Theron Smith from Sumter, South Carolina, preached our Regional Conference in September. His preaching was anointed and timely. **Six received the Holy Ghost.**
- In October, Global Missions Director of Promotions, Bryan Abernathy, travelled all the way to Tokyo to preach our annual **Faith Promise service.** There was a wonderful response. His visit was truly ordained of God.
- On Christmas Sunday we had **20 visitors**, a record for one Sunday at our church in Haijima.
- In our church in Osaka we have been delighted to have the **Missionary Craig Family** join us. They have brought several visitors including Sister Craig's mother. (Pictured below)



Praise Report

We requested prayer for Brother Lucas concerning a heart ablation procedure. After the procedure was completed, the doctor monitored his progress and was extremely pleased with the result. He has been taken off of all medication and the doctor has given him a clean bill of health. Thank you for your prayers.

Family News

Our 6th grandchild, a healthy baby boy, Remington Paul, was born to our son, Andrew, and his wife, Cassandra, on January 6th. His big sisters, Amelia (6) and Avianna (3), are being good big sisters in helping to take care of him.

Northern Region Minister's Fasting & Prayer Meeting

The Haijima church has hosted the Northern Region men's minister's prayer meeting in February for the past eleven years. Again this year, they will be seeking God's direction and will for personal ministry and the nation.

IN THE NEW YEAR:

- We felt to move our midweek Bible Study from Thursday to Friday and to incorporate a meal and fellowship beforehand. (Pictured below left) So far, **attendance has increased 75%!**
- In January we ministered in the church in Sendai and in February, the church in Ibaraki. (Pictured below right)



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