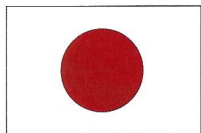
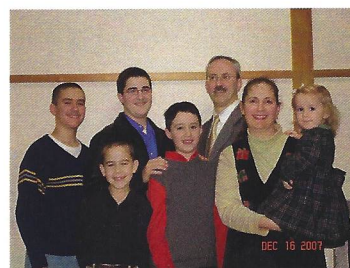


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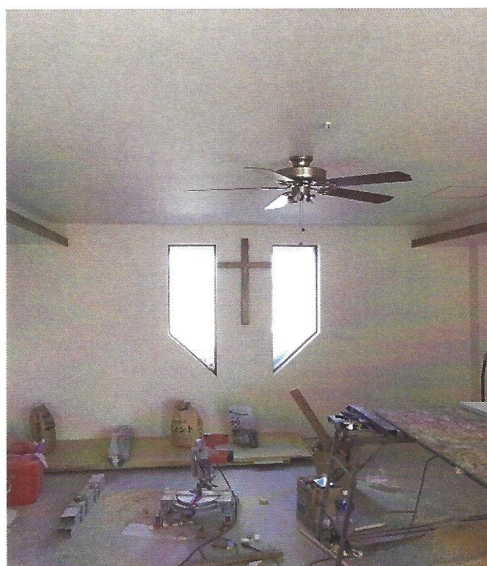


"... I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47

June 2019

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

Hello again from Nagaoka, Japan. Let me begin this letter by updating you on the progress of our building we are remodeling for the church here. As I have told you in the past, with the exception of the electrical, plumbing and gas work; we are doing the work ourselves. Because of this, it is taking longer than we would like. But, we are making good progress. We have all of the wallpaper up, and the flooring and cabinets are going in. We hope to be done by September. I will post below some pictures of the work and progress we have made.



For the last several months, the young people of our church have been invited to participate in a monthly youth activity at the Joetsu Bible Baptist Church. The church is about an hour drive away in the city of Joetsu. Our church kids have enjoyed the Saturday activities including lunch, games and a bible study. This has special meaning to us, as this is the church we first attended for our first 2 years in Japan. Please pray with us for the growth in this needful time. Also, our church in Nagaoka had to sadly say goodbye to some good friends. The Chun family are from Taiwan and began coming to our church about 2 years ago. Mr. Chun was an economics professor at an International University about an hour and a half drive from our city. They spoke little Japanese and were looking for an English speaking church when they found our website. We have had the privilege of ministering to them until June when Mr. Chun took a job teaching in their native Taiwan. Pray with us for the future of this wonderful Christian couple and their young daughter. They were a blessing to know and even left us much of the furniture from their home for our new building when they moved.

As always, thank you for your prayers for the Agape Bible Baptist Church and for our family. We are so thankful for all the ways the Lord has blessed us.

In His Service,

Your Missionaries to Japan,

The Stanford's

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