

November 2024

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The Light of the World Radio Program Special Service

Praise God for a clear gospel message at our special service on the 10th of November. A regular radio presenter led part of the service and one of the regular speakers shared a gospel message. Three non-Christian ladies came (one of them for the first time). **Please pray** that they will remember what they’ve heard and that God will continue to use daily Christian radio programs to draw people to himself.

Evangelism Course

In November, we started running a once-a-month evangelism training course for Christians written by some missionary colleagues. **Praise God** for the handful of church members who came and the helpful discussions that we had. Church members shared their encouragement in taking first steps in evangelism such as talking to friends about what they do at church. **Please pray** that lots of people will attend the course going forward and that all the Christians at Megumi Church will have a heart to share the gospel.

Christmas Events

Praise God for the many opportunities we have to share the gospel over Christmas. Please pray for these events coming up – for good planning, clear presentation of the gospel and for lots of people to come and hear:

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| December: | 5 th | Christmas card making event |
| | 7 th | English Class Christmas party Christmas Music night |
| | 8 th | Christmas Children’s party |
| | 14 th | Christmas Café |
| | 15 th | Nativity Service |
| | 16 th | Children’s Dinner |
| | 21 st | Candle-lit service |

NZ team

On the 28th of November, a team of six short term missionaries from New Zealand will join us for a day of outreach events here in Hanamaki (a cooking class in the morning and a NZ night in the evening). **Please pray** that God will use them mightily to share the gospel. **Please pray** for lots of people to come and hear the good news.

Baptisms

Praise God that two of our Sunday school regulars are now preparing to be baptised on the 22nd of December. **Please pray** that other Christians in the church will be encouraged by their faith and that lots of their friends will come and see their baptism and hear the gospel. **Please pray** that the remaining baptismal preparation they will do with Mark, Isaac and Caleb will go well.

Fellowship with JECA

From the 18th-19th of November, Mark enjoyed a night away with pastors from NE Japan within the Japan Evangelical Church Association. In our area, there are few churches and many of them are struggling with small congregations and aging pastors. **Praise God** for the time of encouragement and sharing we could have together. Discussion topics included the future of church leadership in Japan and the church’s response to the LGBTQ issue. **Please pray** for wisdom for these faithful men of God as they preach the gospel in the years to come.

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Opportunity to serve short term in Hanamaki

We are looking for a couple or a single male worker to come and help short term (6 weeks to a year) in Hanamaki. Please see the opportunity online at [https://opportunities.omf.org/mission-asia/detail/Church-Planting-Assistant,-Hanamaki-\(Tohoku\)/50429085](https://opportunities.omf.org/mission-asia/detail/Church-Planting-Assistant,-Hanamaki-(Tohoku)/50429085). You will be involved in teaching English, children’s work, youth outreach and getting to know people in the community. Please do contact us if you are interested in this opportunity.

Thank you for praying for us, please let us know how we can pray for you.

With love from Mark, Sarah, Grace, Isaac and Caleb



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Pastor’s Retreat

Lisa, our short-term worker, left last week



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