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Isaac Ishiguro's Newsletter from Japan

Dear friends & prayer supporters,

Shalom to you from Japan. Thank you very much for your faithful prayer support. I am so sorry for a long period of silence... I simply could not find the time to write these few months. I have been caught up by so many tasks with regular church ministries. "The Lord is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!"

We were blessed to have another Bible Conference in April with Wes Taber. Though it was very short, we enjoyed fellowship and studying the Word.

In May we had many Gospel tract distributions in nearby towns and cities. There are spring pagan festivals held this time of year. We are not getting many responses from the tracts yet, but we are praying the Lord will use those seeds to be fruitful. Without knowing the One true living God, fear of nature and uncertainty of the future is drawing lost people to idolatry and paganism. It's so sad to see people worshipping demons and dead-souls to ease their fears, rather than trusting the true living God. Please pray for the lost souls of Japan.

Prime Minister Abe and his party LDP is continuing to lead Japan in the wrong way. They have made many laws preparing to bring Japan back to the pre-WW2 situation. Recently, the "Emperor's Abdicate Bill" passed, and the "Conspiracy Bill" has also passed in the lower house already. Abe and his cabinet with LDP and other right-wing parties will try to change the Constitution soon. This means Japanese Christians may lose their freedom of religion, and freedom of speech again as before. Please continue to watch and pray for Japan's politics, as 1 Timothy 2:1-3 tells us to do.

We are now approaching our children summer events. Please pray for the youths' souls to be saved in their early days, because the days are evil. Nahum and Micaiah's friends are attending Sunday school from time to time. But as they grow older, it is getting harder for them to attend church with so many other activities happening.

Our Ogaki Church building's repainting project is about to start in July. Please pray with us as we work to complete this project. Weather-wise, we have had clear days – Praise the Lord! We need to do more building maintenance soon.

Please pray for brother Yasutomo (Just) Kido, as he is finishing Israel Collage of the Bible's course soon, and will be attending Moody Bible Institute this fall. He is seeking to be a full-time minister in the future. We would appreciate your prayer for him.

We do appreciate your love, support, and help in intercession (Philippians 4:19). May you also experience the Lord's continued blessings in your daily life. And again, we are so grateful for – and desperately need – your continued prayer support. Thank you.

A tiny servant of the GREAT LORD,

Isaac for Abby, Nahum, and Micaiah

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Ishiguro Family with Wes Taber, April 23, 2017