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SAPPORO BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
札幌 澄川 ～丘の上の教会～

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Greetings,

On May 23, Sapporo Bible Baptist Church had its second **parent-child time**, focusing on reaching out to neighborhood parents and infants/toddlers. It is held every other month. Although the two moms and toddlers who came in March didn't return, a neighborhood lady who saw the announcement on the church's signboard came with her two little ones! Her exposure to Christianity and a Baptist church occurred when she was eight years old, at a church a few hours away from Sapporo. The Smiths were so excited to hear that she remembered those couple years that she attended Sunday school! We are praying she and her children will come to the next parent-child time (July 25) and that we as a church can impact this family for Christ.



An update on **my (Dean's) hands**: I underwent surgeries in November and January for Dupuytren's contracture and trigger thumb. I'm thankful that I can now straighten my fingers, something I couldn't do before the surgeries. Progress is frustratingly slow (to me), but I am slowly able to do more. I am back to distributing church literature, with some changes. Bicycling puts too much strain on my hands, so I take the car and then walk the designated area. I also limit myself to the pieces of literature I distribute so as not to cause undue strain and pain. Right now, I am distributing literature for the church's **July 19 Welcome Sunday**. We will also distribute invitations outside elementary schools for the **Saturday, July 18, summer children's outreach**.



Pastor Kayashita and I are working on a plan to have **small packets of literature available for church folks to distribute** in less than 30 minutes. Each will include a map of a targeted area near the church.

The church's website has an English page. Over the past months, we've had **folks from the Philippines, Singapore, and Indonesia visit the church**. Often, they are Christians who want to experience a Japanese church service while in Sapporo. The man from Indonesia came to our quarterly Sunday afternoon English meeting. He moved to Japan several months ago. We hope to see him again, although he lives some distance from the church.

After the June 28 morning service, there was a time of commemoration for us. We reached the **"30th Japanniversary"** milestone of missionary service. We are touched and humbled by this love and kindness. We are grateful for these years and look forward to God continuing to use us at Sapporo Bible Baptist Church.



The church's three faithful Christian young adults had an enjoyable time at the May **young adult fellowship**. The next one will be the afternoon of July 26 at our apartment.

Life in Japan Only 12 of Japan's castles have their original structures. The rest are modern reconstructions.



Gratefully serving Him,
Dean and Sue Zemke

"...ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thessalonians 1:9)
「あなたがたがどのように偶像から神に立ち返って、生けるまことの神に仕えるようになります」 I テサロニケ 1:9