



The Harvest is Plenty! Though Japan is made up of mountainous islands, agriculture is a big part of the landscape. We had the great pleasure of participating in the annual rice harvest with one of our language teachers and her family. We learned a lot about when to harvest, how to properly handle the crop, and what teamwork is all about.

Predominantly a Buddhist/Shinto nation, Japan has not enjoyed the same liberating growth as neighboring South Korea or China.

There are lots of reasons the growth of Christianity has been stagnant, but the primary reason we're told is that the Japanese perceive little need of redemption from sin when they maintain such a low concept of God. Where the foundation of our faith can be found in John 3:16, Japan has a different concept about *God, love, perishing, and eternity*. The goal of Buddhism, after all, is to *end* the cycle of regeneration because eternity is a curse. How then can someone be saved who doesn't want to be saved? That is where the power of prayer becomes so key to effective evangelism. Please consider joining our online prayer warrior team of more than 670 faithful people to pray for our family, our mission, and the people of Japan.

DID YOU KNOW? わかりましたか。

Japan is a group-oriented society. That means that the Japanese generally put the needs of others (family, class, company) ahead of their own ambitions. While this is an admirable quality, making a decision for Christ is a **HUGE** commitment and should involve the rest of the individual's family and friends. Otherwise they risk being ostracized for the rest of their life or worse.

Nov. 15: Shichi-Go-San (7, 5, 3) is a traditional festival celebrating children 7, 5, and 3 years old. They wear their best clothes, and families go to shrines to pray for health and long life. Many also go to professional studios for portraits.

Nov. 23: Labor Thanksgiving Day is the post-WWII version of an ancient harvest festival. Workers and production receive due praise, and people give thanks for abundance in their lives.

Viewing the changing leaves in autumn is as popular as viewing the cherry blossoms in the spring. Picnics under the colorful foliage are common, especially on weekends.

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Mark 4:14-15 The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.



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Money Matters

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| Oct Contributions: | +\$6,844 |
| Oct Expenses: | -\$9,518 |
| See expense report for more details. | |



Mt. Asama as seen from the north side at Onioshidashi Park. The majority of the large rocks here came from an eruption in 1783.

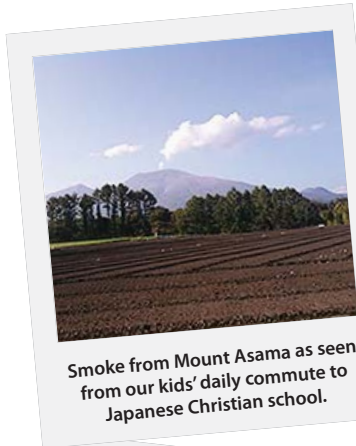
Mark 4:16-17 Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Prayer Needs

Living near an active volcano has given us renewed perspective about Japan as a Christian nation. Without a source for the *living water* mentioned in Scripture, Japan's spiritual soil remains arid with a constant threat of exploding from internal pressure. Pray that the people of Japan would be open to the Gospel and that we might gain favor with them through close friendships in order to nurture deep roots in good soil.

Our family's biggest challenge right now is learning the Japanese language. Though we have excellent teachers, most of whom speak some English, it can be very draining trying to comprehend what's going on - especially when it comes to filling out important paperwork. Pray that we are able to make use of the language learning techniques taught during our pre-field training to increase our retention.

Pray we find an evangelistic Japanese church with an emphasis on children's spiritual growth that our family can attend in addition to the English church.



Smoke from Mount Asama as seen from our kids' daily commute to Japanese Christian school.



Charms are in high demand at local temples and shrines to bring good luck or ward off evil.

From Team Expansion's President Doug Lucas

All around me there are positive signs for a resurging USA and global economy. Apple and MAC stocks are up (I guess lots of folks are buying those iPhones.) and the Dow Jones Industrial Average (a stock indicator) just climbed back into the 10K+ stratosphere. We're seeing more gainers than losers, more money-makers than broken-hearted, and a returning optimism that has taken a while to develop. But the good news is, most of the Team Expansioners with whom I talked have said that the sluggish economy didn't seem to impact their functional finances, praise God. When I'm asked why, the only response I can dream up is that there is a strong link between most Team Expansion workers and the donors that sponsor their projects. That strong link is personal... and it's based on a strong belief that Team Expansioners will finish what they started. I'm here today to tell you that we take that trust very seriously. Thank you for supporting the work of your favorite Team Expansion worker.

We appreciate you!!!

Mark 4:20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.

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