



New Year 2009

Dear Pastor and Co-laborers,

Greetings to you all in this brand new year of 2009! Many people try to come up with new ideas for reaching the lost, but Jesus told his disciples to go into ALL the world and preach the Gospel. We had busy Christmas season and are thrilled at what God is doing through us.

**Christmas program**

We had a ladies Christmas, college and career Christmas, Christmas worship service, Christmas play, Christmas banquet, and Christmas Eve service in December, and five young adults have been attending every Sunday now regularly. We also organized a choir and Christmas play—even in our small church! They came to our apartment twice a week and practiced Christmas songs and the Christmas play. Since we rent a business meeting room each Sunday, it was difficult to do those programs. We did not have costumes or lighting but just wanted to tell the real meaning of Christmas as much as possible. Through these meetings, ten new visitors came, and Ms. Kumai and Mrs. Oki confessed Jesus Christ as their Saviour. What a great Christmas we had this past year!

**New Year's Day**

New Year's Day is the most religious day of the year in Japan. Almost all Japanese go to a temple and worship the very first day of the year. The Meiji Shrine is in downtown Tokyo, in walking distance from City Baptist. According to a Japanese newspaper, 3.17 million people worshipped Emperor Meiji at the Meiji Shrine on New Year's Day, but we had a New Year's Day service that day and worshipped the real King of Kings, Jesus Christ!

**Vision Sunday**

We had a vision Sunday on January 11. Nathan shared the 2009 theme *"That I Might by All Means Save Some"* and our ministries plan. Please pray for our ministries. We will start a midweek ladies meeting, a men's Saturday morning prayer, and a college and career weekend fellowship. We will also start training Sunday school teachers and a worship song leader. Nathan already started to preach a sermon series, and we will have a special service every month. This year's vision is twelve people getting saved and thirty people regularly attending church.

God has sent new visitors every Sunday since we started City Baptist Church. Please continue to pray for new visitor and seekers. Also, pray for Mrs. Mizuno, who is around sixty-five years old. She had never read the Bible, never been to church, and never heard the Gospel before but comes to church every Sunday now since Christmas.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

Nathan and Ruth Kinoshita  
Serving in Tokyo, Japan



**New Year's Day Service**

*Thank you for your prayers and support.*

FOR I AM NOT  
ASHAMED OF THE  
GOSPEL OF CHRIST.  
FOR IT IS THE  
POWER OF GOD  
UNTO SALVATION  
TO EVERYONE THAT  
BELIEVETH TO JEW  
FIRST AND ALSO TO  
THE GREEK  
ROMANS 1:16

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