



# THE KINOSHITA FAMILY

Church Planting Missionaries to Tokyo, Japan

Dear Praying Friends,

2010 January

All of us are well into the New Year at the time of this writing at the end of January. The year 2009 has ended, and a new year of opportunities to serve the Lord has begun. What a blessing it is to know that our Lord will be with us no matter what comes this year. He never leaves or forsakes His own!

### Anniversary Service

Thank you for your prayers for our first anniversary service in which we saw several new visitors and salvations. Over this past year, we have requested prayer for Mrs. Mizuno, who has been attending services since Christmas 2008. Praise the Lord that she has trusted Jesus Christ as her Savior! Ruth has recently begun to disciple her.

### Classical Service

On December 6, we held a Classical music service and rented a concert hall near Shibuya Station. Since people in Tokyo love to study different cultures, we praised God through Baroque hymns accompanied by instruments. We plan to have a Classical music service twice this year and want to offer more opportunities for people in Tokyo to visit church and hear the Gospel.

### Ladies' Ministry

God has blessed us with a ladies' ministry, which held an event each week in December. Some special activities included making Christmas wreaths and cooking holiday foods. On December 1, we saw five newcomers attend. Ruth shared her testimony and a devotional. The following week they made pear compote and delivered it to a widow in the church as well as neighbors. This provided an excellent opportunity to invite people to our Christmas services.

### Christmas

We celebrated Christ's birth at church with both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We printed and distributed many fliers and saw several first-time visitors come. What a privilege to tell them the real meaning of Christmas! On December 26, we had over twenty people to our apartment for a Christmas party. Even though our apartment is only about 550 square feet, we had a blessed time of fellowship with God's people.

### New Year Service

New Year's Day is one of the most religious days in Japan. Almost all Japanese people go to a temple or Shinto shrine on the first day of each New Year. At the end of last year, Nathan challenged our church family to attend the New Year service at our church. We were so excited to see them bring their unsaved family as well!

### Vision Sunday

On January 24, we held a Vision Sunday. This year's theme is "I Love My Church." We are adding some ministries this year. Ladies' mid-week fellowship and men's Saturday morning prayer meeting will be every other week. We are also going to start a young couple's discipleship Bible study, organize some special song groups, and develop a visitation program. Please pray for each one of these ministry opportunities and that people will come to know Jesus through us.

Thank you for your prayers!

In Christ

Nathan and Ruth Kinoshita Serving in Tokyo, Japan

*Thank you for your prayers and support.*



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