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Greetings once again from Japan. Having recently had another follow-up check and receiving a clean bill of health, I praise the Lord for the opportunity to continue serving Him in 2016. I just celebrated my 15th anniversary in Japan at the end of February.

End of 2015

The end of 2015 was a busy time with our Thanksgiving banquet, a Wednesday through Sunday Revival with Dr. Ron White and two wonderful young musicians, our Christmas cantata, Christmas banquet, and New Year's Eve service. As I mentioned in a previous letter, the Lord is allowing me to serve as the choir director at present, so December was **especially** busy with preparations for the cantata just one week after the revival.

I wanted to share four particularly special decisions from that time period with you. Following our Thanksgiving Banquet, Mutsumi, who had been attending for a few months, trusted Christ as her Savior. Soon after that Micah (whom I used to teach in the pre-primary class) decided to trust Christ as his Savior. On the same day, a Korean man who, for about a year, had attended regularly with his saved wife and their children (whom I also taught) finally made the decision to accept Christ. And then, one of our dear Japanese ladies who had been saved for quite a while decided to be baptized in early December. We were very excited to see her take this step of obedience, but we were very sad that soon after that she and her husband transferred back to the US.

Beginning of 2016

The Lord has been greatly blessing in the beginning of 2016 too. We have already had several people saved, and have seen over 10 people baptized. We also had a Valentine's banquet, and we just finished one of the most important events on our church calendar—Missions Conference. I am currently at our BIMI Field Conference in Kobe, Japan, held in conjunction with the Kansai Independent Baptist Bible School's week-long Bible Conference.

Another of the areas I help with at Yokosuka Baptist Church, is the preparation of banners, invitations, and other printed materials. Thus these recent months have been very busy for me with the preparation of Thanksgiving, Revival, Christmas, and Missions Conference/Easter invitations, as well as our 2016 Theme banner and a banner for Missions Conference. In addition, I was able to work on designing new signage for our church to make it more visible to those walking or driving past.



I continue to be involved in teaching English classes (2 days per week), secretarial duties (1 day per week), arranging the pianist and translator schedules, playing the piano, translating, directing the choir (as previously mentioned), Ladies' Soul Winning (twice per month), and helping with anything else the Pastor requests. I am also enrolled in a 3-year video Bible course and am very thankful that I will be finishing this semester.

Looking Forward

I would ask you to pray for the following upcoming events: **Easter Sunday** with a special music package by our choir, and **Vacation Bible School** in August. The choir is working very hard in preparation for Easter, and the VBS co-director and I are already busy planning and preparing for VBS. Please pray that God will work in hearts during both of these special times.

In His Service,

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