

Sept. 15, 2010

Dear Selma Baptist Women on Mission,

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful card and financial gift toward the ministry here in Shizuoka. We were so encouraged to hear from you and to be reminded of your faithful prayers for our family and the Japanese people we are seeking to reach with the Gospel. Please be encouraged - the Lord is answering your requests as we are seeing more opportunities to share openly with several individuals we have been meeting with for awhile now. Satoko & Sakiko (both women in their early 30s) heard a clear gospel presentation last month and we gave them tracts in Japanese that walk through the plan of salvation. We ask that you would lift these ladies up by name - praying that the Holy Spirit would pierce their hearts, showing them their need for a Savior! We're also grateful to report that we see signs of spiritual growth in our house church group ^{MIDORI} whom we worship with on

Sundays. Two of the women have recently requested Bible reading plans, explaining that they see their need for more consistent, daily time in the Word. They are now reading through the Bible starting in Genesis with a second short daily reading in Psalms.

These victories may sound small, but we have learned to rejoice in ALL things we see God doing in the lives of our Japanese friends as this is a very dark place. Satan has skillfully blinded hearts and minds here and there is truly a battle for the souls of these precious people. The majority have no concept of sin and, thus, see no need for a Savior. Please pray that their spiritual eyes would be opened and that God might use our family for His glory in Shizuoka.

Again, thank you all for your support and prayers.
Love in Christ,
The Rainers

p.s. The gift you sent is being used to pay for a Japanese language class (a text book) that David ^{MIDORI} is enrolled in as of last week.