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ROBISON
Missionaries in Iwate, Japan
2016 Year End Letter



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OUR MINISTRY IN JAPAN

We are serving at Morioka Bible Baptist Church (MBBC) in North Eastern Japan. MBBC is located inland from the area that was devastated by the 2011 Earthquake and Tsunami, and has been actively involved in helping the survivors for the last 5 years. Working alongside Pastor Yoshiya Kondo and his wife Chiori (*pictured left*), Dave is interning at MBBC in preparation to serve in building up the local church on the Iwate coast.

Over the last year Dave was able to give 6 sermons in Japanese at various churches throughout the prefecture. He also headed up a monthly English outreach and generally tagged along with our extremely energetic Pastor, assisting and learning about local church ministry in Japan.

Tomo has been busy with our two kids, and is pregnant with our third! Despite this she still found time to head up the evangelism committee at church, play piano during Sunday worship, and start an outreach to young mothers.

2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Giving

Avg. Monthly Gifts Received	\$4,844
Monthly Goal	\$5,700

Monthly support is at about 85%. We're currently receiving about \$850/mo. less than needed in order to remain in Japan long term.

Year to date Giving (Jan.—Oct.)

Gifts Received	\$48,182
Expenses*	\$54,150
Reserve Funds Used	\$ 5,968

*Expenses include salary, administrative fees to JEMS, US and Japanese taxes, mandatory health insurance and ministry expenses.

YEAR END NEEDS

This year we are seeking to raise an additional \$6,500 in year end giving for home service expenses and budget short falls.

In 2018, Lord willing, we will begin a new phase of ministry on the coast. It is our prayer to continue partnering with MBBC and Pastor Kondo, to strengthen and plant churches in coastal cities that were effected by the Tsunami. In order to prepare for this ministry we will be returning to the US in late 2017 to raise additional monthly support. However we will need to raise money for travel costs to the States and back. Additionally we are hoping to make up for some of the shortage of monthly giving in 2016.

Will you consider giving towards these needs?

2016 IN PICTURES



PASTOR KONDO'S COLLEGE CLASS VISITS CHURCH



"IPPO IPPO" COASTAL CAFÉ MINISTRY



LADIES DAY TRIP (WITH DAVE ON CHILDCARE DUTY)



ENGLISH CAFÉ



TITUS' PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP



CHURCH SUMMER FESTIVAL



SOCCER FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH

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2016 marked 5 years since the tsunami. In our prefecture alone 12,656 people are still living in temporary housing. Our church partners to reach out to these survivors by sending teams to encourage and talk with them. For many, this is their first and only interaction with Christians. It is our prayer and hope to see vibrant churches established throughout this region that will continually share Christ's love.



Tomo's parents (on the right) came to watch Dave preach at Ofunato Bible Baptist Church. Also pictured on the left is one of the three remaining church members.

OFUNATO BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH is a church we hope to see grow into one of those vibrant coastal churches which will reflect Christ's love to those around it. It is a church that has been through many struggles, having been severely damaged in the Tsunami, existing without a pastor for many years, and having a mere three members remaining.

Yet we feel that God is leading us to be more involved in supporting and helping to rebuild this church, and are prayerfully considering what role we might play there in the future.

Shortly after the Tsunami our pastor agreed to oversee and assist this small group of Christians, and a partnership between our two churches was formed. Dave has been visiting this church monthly with pastor Kondo to pray with and encourage the members. Earlier this year he was also blessed to be able to preach at one of their Sunday services.

Will you help us in reaching the lost in Japan with the hope of salvation through Jesus?

GIVE

If you are willing to give towards our year-end needs, please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to our mission, JEMS. You may also give online by visiting our website.

PRAY

Will you commit to praying for us on a weekly basis? If so please visit our website and click the "Pray" link to sign up for our weekly email prayer update.

To those of you who have given and prayed for us throughout 2016, we can't thank you enough and we look forward to all that God will do through this partnership in 2017!

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