

Japan Happennings

August 7, 2010

Eternal Life Baptist Mission

Brother Koibuchi reports that they have started remodeling a building in the neighboring city to be used as another outreach point. This building was made available by one of the mission members.

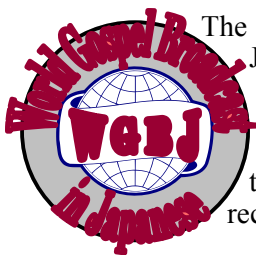
They have also added a Sunday evening Bible study to their schedule. This means that they will be meeting from 9:00 AM until about 7:00 PM. Please pray for them as they preach the gospel in that part of God's vineyard

Visiting our Supporters

Since returning from Japan in June, Ruby and I have done quite a bit of traveling. We attended the ABA meeting in West Virginia, and the Eastern Baptist Association (EBA) meeting in Wisconsin. The ABA meeting was one of the smoothest and most enjoyable that I have attended. A wonderful spirit of cooperation permeated the meeting. The EBA is one of the best regional associations among Missionary Baptists. We really enjoyed the fellowship and preaching in both of these meetings.

We also enjoyed visiting churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. The interest that each church showed in Japan Missions was very encouraging, and the fellowship with them was wonderful. We were blessed with liberal offerings in each church. We thank each church and pastor for the hospitality that you extended to us. God bless you and your service in your area of His vineyard.

If you want us to present Japan Missions to your church, please contact us. The contact information appears below.



The "Lamp of Hope" radio program, is a Japanese language broadcast reaching out to over 127 million Japanese every week. It can also be heard over the internet every day 24/7. We are very thankful for the many responses that are received from listeners all over Japan.

Please pray for this outreach.

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JMBS-Summer Vacation

August is summer vacation time for the students and faculty of JMBS. But, summer vacation is a very busy time in Japan. The Sunday School Camp and the Family Camp take place during summer vacation. This means that the one month off from the classroom is a very busy time for them.

Classroom work will begin again the 2nd of September. I will be teaching a subject that is new to me. That means more preparation time than usual. Please pray for me and the other faculty members as we prepare for the resumption of classes.

Planning is underway for the Annual Bible Conference in November. Brother Joe Morell, my pastor, will be the speaker this year. Please pray for us as we prepare for this event.

Attention: Prayer Warriors

Thank you for your prayers for JMBS and the needs of the mission work in Japan. Pray also for the following needs.

1. For God to call 4 new preachers by April, 2011.
2. For our ministry with Flatwoods Baptist Church.
3. For JMBS teachers & students during this school year.
4. For funds for translating and printing of Japanese text books.
5. For Eternal Life Baptist Mission and the Koibuchi's.
6. For Ruby and I to remain healthy and able to work.

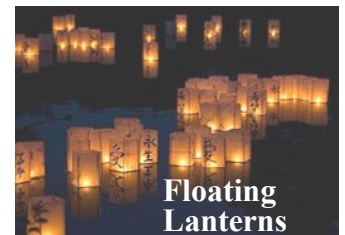
Obone Time in Japan



Family Altar

"Obone", The second most important festival in Japan, takes place in August. Buddhists believe that the spirits of their ancestors return to the family altar during this time. The festival lasts about three days from the 13th-15th.

Symbolic items are used to decorate the family altar for the return of the spirits. Then, on the first day they go to the temple or cemetery to invite the spirits to return. The "bonodori" which is symbolic festival dancing, takes place on the second evening. On the third evening simple boats of various sizes are loaded with food and lanterns, and launched on local



Floating Lanterns



Bonodori Dancing

rivers and streams. These are to provide food and light for their journey back to the spirit world. They also believe that these things can be used as bribes to help the spirits pass through territory controlled by evil spirits.

Thank you for your Prayers and Support!