



Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.
Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt,
so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.
Colossians 4:5-6



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Dear family and friends,

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Spring has come to Hokkaido. With the cherry blossoms beckoning people outside, also new students have come to Kitami for the start of the new academic year. The Japanese **KGK student group** meets again on May 16 for the first time after spring break. Please pray that new students will also join and feel comfortable in the group.

Cell Groups

Gezimu also brought **two new international students** to our last cell group meeting. The two young women are studying in the same master's program. One is from Kenya and is a Christian, the other is from Nepal and is Hindu. However, she enjoyed the fellowship so much that she even came to service the next Sunday. Julian led the service and worship for the first time on that day. Thank God that he was able to master this challenge as well.

He has also had his **first sermon in Japanese**. He spoke on Easter Sunday about Mark 16, specifically verse 8, where it says that the women fled from the tomb full of fear and trembling. Fear is a big issue in Japanese society. Apparently he hit the right nerve. Several church members said after the service that they learned many new things from this sermon, and one elderly lady even expressed a desire to do **Bible studies** with us regularly. Please pray for wisdom on how we can best do this. The pastor has already given us the green light to do this.

Otherwise, things are going well with the **cell groups**. We are not meeting separated by gender yet, but as a large group. The problem is that the students and trainees have very irregular schedules and there is no fixed time when everyone can meet. Please pray that we can find a way to coordinate the meetings well, and also bring in a **healthy DNA** and a good **vision** for the group during this forming phase.

Short Mission Trip on Kyushu

During our vacation in warm Fukuoka on the island of Kyushu, we had a good rest. During the second half we did a mission trip through the cities of Fukuoka, Beppu and Nagasaki together with a group from Australia and other Japan missionaries. We had good conversations during our outreaches in the parks, were able to hand out a lot of literature, and shared our testimony in two churches and held small devotions. We are very grateful to God for this great experience, which encouraged us very much for our work in Kitami.

We also got the opportunity to record a **video message** at Hokusei University (a university in Sapporo with a Christian background) for their morning chapel. Please pray for the preparation and open hearts for God's Word.

Thank you very much for your support in prayer, your emails, and for your faithful financial support!

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