



How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? - Romans 10:14



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The Shrouds to Japan

Newsletter – December 2023

Greetings from Michigan!

Japan (Country/Language/Culture)

As I mentioned last time, we had the opportunity to attend a local Bible Institute while we were in Japan for their weekly Thursday night class. These are seminary level courses that the Pastor teaches in order to train up and disciple future church leaders. It is comprised mostly of a mixture of native Japanese, as well as adult children of missionaries. Inviting us to be with them that evening, they sacrificed their own classes in order to share a meal with us, pass along valuable advice, and give us the opportunity to ask them questions.

It was a wonderful evening, and we learned so much from them. One thing that stood out to us over and over was the need for us to be completely immersed in Japanese language and culture. Language is so important – underlying the need to study as much as possible while we are on deputation, as well as the need to go to language school when we get there.

Opportunities

We traveled up to Michigan the week of Thanksgiving, and we have had a sweet time with our family up here. I have had the opportunity to present our work once already, and am working to fill out the rest of our time up here. We will also be meeting with the Zemke family, another missionary couple who work in Sapporo that we just missed when we went in September. They are on their furlough right now, and we will be meeting with them after Christmas.

Support Report

We currently have 20% of the monthly support we will need.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for us as I call churches up here to schedule appointments. We want to make the most out of this trip, and present to as many churches as possible.
- Please pray for safe travels, as winter weather starts to come in.

In Christ,
Zack Shroud

