Japan Prayer Fuel

November 2023



Forming and developing relationships is key to discipleship. Please pray for these (and many other) outreach events, community activities and one-to-ones that spark interest in the Gospel. Let's keep praying that seekers see OMF workers in relationship with the Lord, and yearn to take hold of that for themselves.

Hiragishi Izumi Church, Sapporo

Give thanks for new people coming to church services and various events, as well as some coming again after a long absence! Please pray for gospel fruit among them. Please continue to pray for absent church members to return. In November, the small groups relaunch to try and increase numbers, deepen fellowship and better disciple believers. Please pray for God's rich blessing on the groups, and for God's help as leaders guide them through their early stages.

Maeda House Church Plant, Sapporo

Praise God for significant gospel-centred conversations related to the gospel choir concert in October. Pray for continued sharing of the truth with non-Christian choir members. Response to the autumn series of Kids Song Circle has been strong. Pray that the kids who come will experience and respond to God's love and power. Kids Song Circle is on 5th & 19th November. Give thanks for deepening relationships with local university students, some of whom have started attending fmZERO events. Pray we can help them to take steps toward faith in Jesus.

Returnee Ministries, Greater Tokyo

Praise for a good returnee event at Double O Cross church last month, and pray for the monthly returnee café, starting at the church on 11th November. Pray for better connection with returnees, encouragement for Christians and outreach to non-Christians.

Pray that God will reveal Himself to women struggling in their current circumstances. May our contacts have a sense of urgency to know God, as they look at the volatile state of the world.

Praise God for one lady's continued desire to read the Bible. Pray for her understanding of Jesus to deepen through reading Colossians.

Pray for wisdom in helping one returnee settle into a local church. Pray for spiritual thirst among non-Christian returnee contacts.

Itayanagi Chapel, Aomori

1) Praise the Lord that the weekly Bible study with three ladies at church is going well. Each of them loves to share the gospel with family and friends. Please pray for the team to grow deeper in our relationships through Christ's love. 2) Praise the Lord, one neighbor has started to come to evening services and is getting connected with church members. Please pray for her to continue to seek Jesus through Bible studies. 3) In November, there are two outreach events: 'Family photo' and 'Thanksgiving'. Please pray God brings people from the neighborhood, and that church members would welcome them.

YahaBible Network, Iwate

1)Praise God for partnership with other missionaries; pray as we serve together. 2) Pray for salvation for one lady and her boys, as they join worship and Bible study. 3) Pray for salvation for an individual whose father died, for another who's stopped Bible study, and for another struggling with spiritual attacks. 4) Please pray for gospel opportunities, while volunteering at an after-school group and café.

Hokuei Church, Sapporo

Preparations are underway for an event with a Christian comic storyteller, with a short message by the pastor on the 18th November. They are aiming for 100 people, who will then be invited to a special evangelistic service and a café on the 19th November. Pray especially for people to come from the neighborhood.

FmZERO & KGK, Sapporo

The winter semester has started and it's busy. Pray for diligence in spending time with the Lord every day, and for growth in Christlikeness. Praise for another missionary who's started reaching out to students at Rakuno University. Please pray that loads of students in Sapporo might come to know and love the Lord.

Matsumigaoka Church, Tokyo

During November, the missionaries hope to continue to connect with and deepen relationships with returnees, many of them still seekers. Please continue to pray for the Spirit to be at work. One team member also hopes to visit a number of music ministries. Pray for inspiration, wisdom and clarity as to what might serve as a 'musical bridge' to Japan, to facilitate Christian and seeking Japanese to transition more easily when they return to Japan. Please also pray for blessing upon ongoing discussions with the church about evangelism. Finally, please pray for good progress in language and cultural understanding.

Kitami Megumi Church, Hokkaido

Praise God for a well-attended chapel concert on 30th September. One team member was able to give his testimony well. Please pray for more opportunities to use Japanese, while seeking more contacts with the men from the church. This team member's next sermon is on 12th November. From 19th-25th November, the team will have a series of Bible studies with a Japanese couple coming from Lake Toya. Please play for good, fruitful fellowship, and also for ongoing cell groups and Bible studies with church members.