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Lift up your eyes,  
and look on the fields;  
for they are white  
already to harvest.

Dear Friends, Prayer Warriors, Loved Ones, and Supporting Churches:

We are excited and looking forward to March 20, when the ordination service for Brother Nagae will be held. Please remember to pray for him as he prepares for the two-hour questioning session in the morning. The afternoon services will include preaching, laying on of hands, and a reception. This will be a milestone in his life and the church plant.

Thank you for your prayers for our Christmas services; they were well attended. The services at Ishikawa Baptist church where Stephen spoke at also went well. Having our worship area extension completed was a blessing. With the extra seats, we were able to accommodate everyone comfortably. The highlight was the Christmas Eve service and play put on by the college students. Asai asked to be baptized at the eve service. He has also applied and has been accepted for his doctorate studies at Tsukuba University. **Please remember to pray for Asai as he prepares for baptism and post graduate work.**



On February 12, Stephen preached the morning service while Brother Nagae went to Yokohama to preach for their missions conference. After the morning service, all the church members traveled to Yokohama for Mr. Hayase's baptism and the evening service. Mr. Hayase was baptized, and Mrs. Hayase joined by letter of transfer; she had been baptized at Yokohama several years before. With the Hayases' joining the church plant, we now have five families. Please pray for two more families to join our church plant.

A week ago Monday, home going services were held for fellow missionary Rick Conrad. Rick and his wife, Beth, have been in Japan for nearly thirty years. He made several relief trips with us. Rick's fellowship will be greatly missed. **Please pray for his wife and their three children.** Pray for people to surrender for the Japan field. **Pray for someone to come and take Rick's place.**

We have decided to replace our van. Finding a suitable van within our budget was challenging. We believe God has given us the exact van that we need. It was not as new as we wanted but the price was one that couldn't be passed up. **Pray for our safety as we use the van for His Service.**

In His Service,

*Steve + Kenjiyo*

*Your church is a blessing to us!*

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