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serving in SHIMANTO

Dear Prayer Partners,

I invited Mr. Shingo Tateishi to our Christmas worship service and party. In the past when I would invite him to church events, he would say, "I will come if the situation permits me." This time, I encouraged him to make a decision. But he did not come. I can do nothing but rely on the Lord. I cry out to Him, "Oh, Lord! You love him. Please open his heart before You. Even if he does not come to worship You, may he read the Bible and pray to You by the word of God."

Mr. Yoshiyuki Kubo and his wife Sachiko's son's wife bore a fifth child on December 12. (You'll recall from previous reports that the son and his family moved in with Mr. and Mrs. Kubo. Since then, they stopped coming to church.) My wife and I gave a gift for the child, but they did not respond to us. I cannot figure out why they could be stumbling in this way. My wife and I do not recall anything from the past. Mr. Kubo says they need to develop their faith, but I don't know what he means by that and why they would stay away. It is sad, indeed, that they closed off their relationship with us. Again, I can do nothing but rely on the Lord. The light of hope in the Bible remains unchanged. I told them to come back to the church whenever they feel ready. Please pray.

Miss Yuu Okubo passed her examination with the golf company. She was not excited to take the test and this was a cause of concern for a teacher at her school; we'll call him Mr. N. He was very angry and came to the church, thinking it was her faith that was causing this barrier between her and a future job. During our conversation, he put great importance on the economy and employment while I tried to explain she was living her life according to the word of God. I encouraged her to pray to the Lord regarding this problem.

Mr. Toshiyuki Tanabe visited a church in his area that I had recommended. He reports that he received no communication from the church. I think this is sad, indeed. Please pray for this situation.

Please also remember to pray for Miss Akane Onishi. She continues to live with her boyfriend. I visited her, but was met with a cold reception.

Mr. Yasuo Hirota's and his wife Kazuko's health have deteriorated. I would like to visit them, but am unable because I am not a family member. Please pray for their salvation.

Pastor Yoshihido Taniguchi

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray the Lord will work in a mighty way in the heart of Mr. Shingo Tateishi*
- *Pray the Lord will open the eyes of the Kubo family*
- *Pray for patience for Pastor Taniguchi as he waits on the Lord*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance as Pastor Taniguchi counsels and disciples Yuu*
- *Pray Mr. Tanabe will find a strong church to attend near his home*
- *Pray for the salvation of Miss Onishi, and the Hirota couple*

Pray the people of Japan will see the value of the Gospel.

