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★ *Thank you for your ongoing prayers for Dr. & Mrs. Yamate as they are discipled. They sense a need for their sons (3 of whom are married), their sons' spouses and their grandchildren to believe, and recently began confessing their faith in Christ to their sons.*

★ *God recently led 4 yet to believe Japanese adults to begin Bible study. Pray that all 4 would understand and embrace the truths they are hearing, and that Satan would not be successful in his attempts to snatch the seed of the gospel from their hearts.*

★ *In an ongoing endeavor to meet and impact young families, for the past several years we have hosted a weekly English class for pre-school children. Some of the mothers have asked Dorothy to teach them how to bake the cookies she gave them at Christmas time. There will be a Bible time at each of the 5 classes. Pray for lasting fruit.*

**Dear Praying Friends,**

We first met Dr. Yamate 23 years ago when he along with his wife and their 4 little boys moved here to Hikari (his wife's hometown), to set up his practice as a pediatrician. Having previously lived 2 years in America for additional medical training during which time both husband and wife were baptized, Dr. and Mrs. Yamate were introduced to us as Christians. However, as we got to know this couple better, we discovered that neither husband nor wife believed that the Lord Jesus Christ had risen from the dead.



Initially the Yamate family attended worship services each week, and their oldest son even made a profession of faith at camp. However, as Dr. Yamate's practice got off the ground and he became busier and busier, we saw less and less of him and his family that now included a 5<sup>th</sup> son. With a large new home, the scholastic achievements of their children, and a successful practice that grew to 100 patients a day, the Yamates sensed no need nor made any time for God.

Jumping ahead, in 2015 Mrs. Yamate contacted us for help when one of her sons was experiencing demonic influence. Mrs. Yamate subsequently began to read the Bible, and agreed to join an evangelistic Bible study. Eventually she came to faith, and later confided in us that when she and her husband were baptized in the States, they had no idea as to what they were doing.

A few years back Dr. Yamate also studied the Bible for a short period of time and began to occasionally attend worship services with his wife, but still did not believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected.

Upon our return to Japan last November, we noticed that Dr. Yamate was quite somber. He obviously was troubled and even sincerely enquired "How can I believe?"



In January Dr. Yamate asked to study the Bible once again. He had become deeply convicted of his personal sinfulness and was truly a broken man. God moved his heart to repentance through listening to the recorded message of a deceased Japanese pastor, and at one of our studies it was confirmed that he was now believing that Christ had died in his place, had resurrected, and had forgiven him when he called upon the name of the Lord for salvation.

The transformation that has taken place in Dr. Yamate's life during the past month has been rather astounding. He has viewed a video on the life of Christ multiple times, takes notes during the Sunday messages, and listens to praise music. Each day he and his wife read Scripture and pray together. They have already completed the Gospels and are presently reading through Acts. All of the above is solely due to the hand of our merciful God being moved through the effectual prayers of many of you through the years for this family. This is truly your fruit.

*That more might be rescued from the domain of darkness,  
Jonathan & Dorothy*