



YURI NAKANO - Missionary in Japan

MAY 2018

Dear Family and Friends,



Spring greetings from Japan! My “family” of puppets is growing! I am also getting busier with requests to come and share at children’s events and mom and tot’s outreach events at the various JBC churches. This new avenue of ministry has been quite a surprise to myself as I had not really imagined that this new ventriloquism “hobby” could be used so powerfully to share the message of Christ. I am being challenged with coming up with new ideas as I get more invitations to speak. I truly am thankful for these new opportunities.

On May 2, around 135 members of the Japan Baptist Conference churches gathered together for the annual Deeper Life Conference for a one-day worship, fellowship, and learning time. I participated in the youth program, giving a short message on the importance of fellowship and gathering together for spiritual encouragement based on Hebrews 10:24-25. The youth decided some time ago that they would like to make t-shirts for the group and they came up with two different designs. They were so excited to get their t-shirts and wear them that day. A highlight



was also the testimony of one of the youth who recently got baptized at Easter. She had shared her excitement at spending time in devotions with God everyday. How encouraging it was to hear her passion for Jesus!

I also spent two days on a personal retreat with God. As a mission family, we write up goals every year and we made a point of putting a personal retreat day in our goals. I am glad that I could schedule this and intentionally set aside time to talk to no one but God. I was encouraged and refreshed to spend time in His Word and listening to Him without distractions. I needed this time to fill up on the reservoirs of His love and hopefully better able to pour out His love to others in the coming days.

Thank you for partnering with me in prayer for me and for Japan.

With much gratitude,

Yuri Nakano

PRAISES

- For times of refreshing with God and His love in a personal retreat time.
- Testimony of young junior high school girl who got baptized at Easter and loves the Lord.
- Opportunities to share Christ through my puppet family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Kongo Bible church and Heijo Christian Church as they seek God’s plans for their future and for a future pastor.
- Preparations for youth team coming from Washburn, ND, to come and minister at churches here in the summer.
- Preparations for Japan tour group going to Triennial in Edmonton.
- Upcoming events:
 - May 19-Leadership seminar with Rev. Okada at Komyo
 - June 16-Live Gospel Café
 - June 25-28-Missionary summer conference.

“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”
I Timothy 6:12



North American Baptists
1219 Pleasant Grove Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95678
(916) 797-6222

serve@nabconf.org
www.nabconference.org

Yuri Nakano
Shinhinodai 2 cho 2-5-613
Minami-ku, Sakai-shi, Osaka-fu
Japan 590-0143

nakanoyuri@hotmail.com