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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42



Retired missionaries Bill and Luci Lengefeld, Becky and Elijah Kato and Shan Reed.



JBC Pastors and workers' family retreat 2022

The past month could be summarized as a good month of fellowship! Despite the 7th wave of Covid hitting the nation, I am thankful that I could continue to have times of fellowship with many people.

Praises and Prayer:

1. I thank God for the opportunity to visit with former missionaries Bill and Luci Lengefeld who came from the States to visit their family in Japan (daughter Becky and husband, Elijah Kato and their 3 adorable children). Shan Reed and I went to visit them at the Tsu Baptist Church (Christian Education Center) where they had an open house to visit with old friends, former English students, etc. It was like old times and we could reminisce about the memories that we had there together.
2. I saw God at work when He nudged a non-believing friend named, Aya, to contact me because she is concerned about a friend (Chizuki) who is interested in the Bible but may be listening to false teachings. She wanted me to talk with her friend who happens to live in Tsu. It was the perfect timing to say that I was going to go there when I visit the Lengefelds! This was a great opportunity to invite them to church on Sunday. After the worship service we had lunch together and had a good conversation about spiritual things. Pray for Chizuki to continue to seek Jesus as her Savior and Lord and be connected with the Tsu Baptist Church. Pray for Aya, too, to seek after Jesus.
3. The Pastors and Workers Family Retreat was held on July 23-25th. I am thankful for the times of sharing and praying together as fellow workers in the Lord. I had the privilege of leading devotions one morning. We had discussions around how we have handled the pandemic as churches. We were reminded that pandemic or not, the essentials of worship and the importance of our relationship with God and others have not changed. Please pray that the pastors and workers of the JBC would not grow weary in ministry, but rather find renewed joy and strength in the Lord.
4. Upcoming events to pray for:

September 19th-JBC Pastors and Workers one day seminar

October 13th- JEA women online event on the topic of Women's community shelters

October 16th-preaching at Heijo Christian Church in Nara prefecture

October 30th-Pulpit exchange day. I will preach at Higashi Muko church in Kyoto.

Thank you for your prayers! Blessings, Yuri