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Harvesting His Fields in Japan

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

REJOICE 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16

January 25, 2022

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

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
Ephesians 5:19, 20

Happy New Year to all of you and we trust that you will have a blessed year. **We praise God for the blessing of the past year.** We are trusting Him for many new blessings throughout this new year. One of our personal blessings in the past year was our oldest daughter giving birth to her first born. Emma Johnson made an early appearance on November 26. She makes our seventh grandchild.

Our theme for this year is rejoice. Our prayer is that all our church members will learn to rejoice at all times. Not only with the good times, but also rejoice when the difficult times come.

We were planning to have Christmas dinner and turkeys at church. That changed when the entire Johnson family came down with Covid. We cancelled the Christmas activities and did on-line services. Then I (Steve) came down with Covid the Tuesday morning after Christmas. That required self-isolation for both of us as Kimiyo was a close contact. Thankfully, she did not come down with it, and Steve did not have any complications.

The recovery from my (Steve) shoulder surgery has gone well. The physical therapy has restored the range-of-motion to 100 percent. We praise God for that as many obtain only 80 percent or so. I am now working on strengthening exercises. We are praying my strength will be completely restored by spring.

It has been three years since the first case of Covid here in Japan. Covid has brought about many changes in the country along with changes at our church. Last fall, it looked like we would be able to return to somewhat pre-Covid functions this year. The eighth-wave that we are currently in has changed that; especially with a higher death rate than the previous waves.

The Lord willing, we will hold a limited kids snow camp this year with fewer kids. Even with this, there should be a couple of first timers. **Please be in prayer there will be decisions for Jesus Christ.**

In your service for HIS Service

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