

# MERRY CHRISTMAS 2020

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**Missionaries to Japanese**



Celebrating 50th Anniversary  
with our Japanese church.



**THANKS TO SUPPORT TEAM..** Because of a computer glitch we recently had to go through all of our financial transactions line by line since Jan 1. It was so encouraging to be reminded of the monthly faithfulness of our support team. From our heart we say THANK YOU!

**UPDATE ON NEW CHRISTIAN.....**Nori, who gave his heart to the Lord in September, continues to grow. Now he frequently says, We must trust the Lord, or Thank you Jesus, or Praise the Lord. He continues in Bible study and church meetings. Recently



Eli—17



Livy—5



Ella—15

**GRANDKIDS COMING FOR HOLIDAYS.....**As God provides and as He protects us from the virus our grandkids will share the holidays with us. Soon after he graduates high school our grandson, Eli, will join the Army so this may be our last time together for a long time. Lord please make it happen.

**VIRUS DAYS.....**Just as our outreach classes were finally restarting a new “don’t gather” order came down. Within a few days 7 classes stopped. Sunday morning returned to zoom. As I was sharing this with a pastor he gently reminded me that most pastors were dealing with the same issues. Certainly these are days of turmoil: work hours cut, lost jobs, businesses closed, family gatherings curtailed, even bereavement for some.

**BUT GOD’S LIGHT SHINES THROUGH:** A renewed feeling for prayer and bible study, desire for church meeting, the Holy Spirit leading us, Bible promises coming alive, opportunities to minister to the fearful, and reassessing what is really important.

**GOD’S ENCOURAGEMENT.....**(1) The Lord protected David from Saul trying to kill him day by day for a long time. 1 Samuel 23:14. (2) The Lord sent his angel to minister to Paul during the storm and shipwreck. No lives were lost. Acts 27:23 (3) John could be “in the Spirit” on the Lord’s day while in exile. Revelation 1:9, 10 (4) The Lord sent manna day after day after day for 40 years Exodus 16:35. **THE SAME LORD** is faithful to help you and me in **every** situation in our virus experience.

**Happy New Year 2021**—praying for God’s help and deliverance...HE IS FAITHFUL.

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