

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

Ezra 7:10

# Nippon NEWSFLASH



Sakura  
(Cherry Blossom)

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for all your prayers and support as we finish our spring term. Our students are doing well in their English studies and growing in their knowledge of God. We, staff, are also learning a lot through the different situations we are faced with. God is teaching us to see each of our students the way He does and to lovingly help them to grow in different areas of their lives. I was reminded recently how thankful I am to live at SYME and to be a part of the staff team here. God has graciously put these students under our care to teach them English and the Bible. The Bible is not just to gain knowledge but to give direction for how to live life most abundantly.

Senri and I have been continuing our study through the book of John. She always comes to our meetings with great questions and very interesting thoughts about what she is reading. God is working in her heart for sure. Senri's mother is the only Christian in her family and that was a recent decision. So Senri is very interested in why her mother decided to become a Christian and what Christianity is all about.

This week, we also had our Heart to Heart and Man to Man Bible Study. We talked about God's unfailing, faithful love for His people and often times our unfaithfulness to God as we studied the book of Hosea. Many of the staff members were able to have some serious conversations with students one on one after the study.

One last praise I would like to share with you is about a young woman named Chieko. She came to visit SYME as a potential student this week. She was very open to the gospel and many people were given the opportunity to talk with her and share Christ with her. On Friday, I received news that she decided to trust Christ has her personal Savior! Please pray for Senri, Chiemi and Inori as well (current students). Senri and Chiemi seem to be so close to trusting Christ. Pray Inori will open her heart to the gospel. Thank you!

In Christ,

Karina Thrush



Kid's Club, okonomiyaki (savory cabbage pancake), and an old Japanese street we visited for our school trip!

## Upcoming Events

May 12: End of spring term

May 22: Summer term begins

## Prayer & Praises

Pray for Miss Junko and I as we teach Sana and Maria (2 new students) at Kid's Club.

Praise God for the opportunity to continue English lessons with Shouko and Yura on Friday nights (graduates from Kid's Club)!

Wisdom in my meetings on Monday night with Senri as we study the book of John.