

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)”  
Ephesians 2:4-5

# Nippon NEWSFLASH

## God's Grace in Rough Seasons...

This past month has been a rough season in my life. There are so many new things to adjust to that I was not expecting many of which became issues that needed to be discussed this month. I think I am also walking through a period of deeper culture shock than when I had been living at SYME. Here in Himeji, I am much more immersed in the true culture of Japan and I am learning a lot.

God continually reminds me of my desperate need for Him. He has all the answers to all my questions and concerns. I have also been reminded of the need for unity among the body of Christ and our need for each other to bear one another's burdens. God is showing me more clearly why He has called me to Japan and the need of the Japanese people to know Christ.

I am very grateful for each one of you who pray for me and my team here in Himeji and in Karuizawa at SYME. Spiritual battles are very real and through your prayers, the evil one is being defeated! Thank you SO much!

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*Left: This was taken at our English Cafe in Himeji. The number of visitors who come each week continues to rise and the church members are doing a great job helping to make this outreach possible!*



*Above (lg): This picture of a Shinto torii (gate) was taken at Miyajima in Southern Japan. I visited here recently and was reminded once again of the darkness and spiritual blindness of people without the hope of Christ.*

*Above (sm): These are the 4 students at SYME now. From the left: Maria (unsaved), John, Annie & Hannah.*

### Prayer & Praises:

Praise God for two more children, Keiji and Kiho, who professed their faith in Jesus Christ through baptism on Sunday!

Pray for a time of refreshment and renewal spiritually, physically and emotionally during our school break. I will spend my break at SYME.

Pray for many young people to go to SYME Open Campus. Pray with us for 18 students next year!

Pray for SYME's Thanksgiving Dinner event as well as ours here in Himeji. Pray for opportunities to have gospel conversations at both events.