



# THE MANSELLS

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Dear Praying Friends,

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This month has been full and we appreciate the extra prayers that you have sent Heaven's way on our behalf. We are so thankful for the prayer support we have and the knowledge that it is what upholds us here in Teshio.



When one thinks of the biblical account of Lazarus you might remember Martha's comment, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." To relate that to a current situation we might rephrase it, "Lord, how come they didn't find out about our services until now?" With joy we have had Mr. & Mrs. Ishii (Eshee) come to both a.m. and p.m. Sunday services for two weeks. They live in Horonobe where we hold one adult English class with a Bible study afterwards. They just found out about the English classes from a fellow employee and because they attended the class once, also found out we hold Sunday services. Then we were pleased to hear that Mrs. Ishii accepted Christ as her Saviour 3 years ago and although her husband is not yet saved, he is willing to study with her!! Why would we ask the Lord, "Why now?" Mr. Ishii works at a job where he will be transferred from this area and Hokkaido altogether in just one year's time, having been in Horonobe for 3 years already. Instead of asking why though, we are trying to just rejoice and ask the Lord to use His Word in a great way in the time left and that when they DO move on, they might be united in Christ as well as marriage. Please pray for this couple and for wisdom in how fast or slow to move with them. She was saved just before they moved to Horonobe so has had no real discipling. We trust to see her spiritual joy and knowledge strengthened during this time as well as her husband coming to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Our time with the two interns is quickly drawing to a close. They have come to the point that they 'don't want to talk about the departure date yet'. We praise God for their help, learning attitude, and how God has used them while here. We have a special request for Tim Turner as he returns to the States. He is going to be a senior in Bible school, Lord willing beginning the end of August. When the fellas had just arrived in Japan they were out on a day trip and while playing basketball with fellow missionary's sons, Tim twisted his knee. He felt quite a bit of pain immediately but with ice and rest for a couple days it seemed to get better and said he didn't need to see a doctor. Then recently when we asked, he said he did still have pain while going up stairs, when walking it might start to collapse or pain when twisting. We encouraged him to see a doctor while here in Japan beings he did have insurance for the summer months with us. The long and short of those visits with x-rays and an MRI last week is that he has a torn ACL {The anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) is the major stabilizing ligament of the knee. The ACL is located in the center of the knee joint and runs from the femur (thigh bone) to the tibia (shin bone), through the center of the knee. In this position, it functions to prevent a buckling type of instability of the knee} As you can see that is not a good thing. Tim has no time left to get the needed repair surgery done here while in Japan where he has the insurance so will need to get it done while in the States. He does not have insurance there and this will also mean delaying his studies probably for one semester. Please pray that the Lord will provide in a miraculous way for this surgery. Again we need to claim that "all things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Tim has been here because He loves God and felt it was God's will for this summer. We know that God has Tim's best interests in mind and will provide for Tim through this difficulty as well.

We had our annual one day VBS/field day events for each of our grade school outreaches in Horonobe, Enbetsu, & here in Teshio. Although they were rained “in” twice, the students still enjoyed the indoor games and listened attentively to the Bible story done with a picture book of Joseph. Tim said the English, then Stephen the Japanese and Ken gave the in between story filler and application. All of this was done ‘line by line’. We praise God for this opportunity to have these children hear some of God’s Word; some for the first time. We keep trying to get some of these children to come to S.S. but have had little success. We will not give up!



We know many of you pray for our children and their ministries as well even though no longer with us here. We thank you for that and also ask that you would remember Joshua and Alicia Appel specifically on the sixth and ninth of August. Joshua will be candidating at Calvary Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Illinois to be the Assistant Pastor, in charge of the youth, helping in the school and with the bus ministry. They will be there the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and the church will be voting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Joshua and Alicia have been praying about a permanent full time place of service since he finished his internship and graduated from Ambassador Baptist College in May. We are excited about this possibility and look forward to seeing what the Lord has in mind for these servants of His!

May the Lord continue to bless His work here and your work in His name as well!! We appreciate you and praise God for you,

#### Prayer Requests:

1. Baptism of our believers; salvation of their husbands
2. Some much needed outside work to be finished in one week's time before the fellas leave; safety
3. Salvation of Mr. Ishii and growth in each of the believers
4. Details of our home church situation to be finalized

Serving Christ Together,

*Ken and Vicki Mansell*

***Just A Prayer At Night** – your evening is our daytime*