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Dear Praying Friends,

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"Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying," Ezekiel 33:1

This familiar phrase repeated many times in Jeremiah and Ezekiel reminds us of the actions of the living God to communicate with us, His creation. God has taken the initial action of communicating with us through His written Word. God inspired and preserved His pure Word for our good.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2Timothy 3:16,17

Let us this day be grateful and show that by our actions and attitudes, for such a loving God who not only wants us to know and fellowship with Him but has given us the Bible, God's Holy Word, as the main source of knowing Him.

Our Indian Summer has continued and the fall colors are setting in. Although we don't get as much of that up here in the northern point area, we can continue to enjoy God's beauty all around us even through the changing seasons. This is one of the reasons we enjoy the Hokkaido area with its full four seasons. Our summer was short in more ways than one with one of them being the time Ken was in the hospital and out of 'commission' many might think. But we still are amazed at the doors that God opened for witnessing and if He so chooses to use that 'route' again, we will be ready for it. However, we do praise God for continued health and strength that Ken is gaining back. He was able to put in 3 full days of work (due to holidays) on the building with fellow missionaries in Shibetsu. He could tell by the end of the week though that he had run out of steam. That's the good news...it was discouraging to find out at his last check-up the middle of September that within just three weeks two small stones had formed again! On top of that in some research given there are about 3 foods that he has been eating for quite some time that may also contribute to stones forming amongst those that form stones easily. So we keep on praying that no more stones will form, that these two will either pass (although we don't like that part), or not move and that more measures that have been taken to decrease the possibility of stones will be effective. Ken will have another check up the first part of November.

Vicki's eye checks over the past month have been discouraging with the continued fight with the herpes. Finally on her check-up on the 25th she was given the good news that they would just keep her on a preventative eye cream for one month and see how her eye responded. Please pray for no flare-up of the herpes again. She has been fighting this since August of last year. The doctor said he could see no damage to the eye in the visual area for which we really praise the Lord. She is already legally blind in that eye due to her first bout with herpes for a 3 year period over 25 years ago complicating already bad eyesight in that eye. She thanks the Lord daily that she can see fairly well in that eye with correction and knows how precious eye sight is.

We continue to pursue **Mr. and Mrs. Honda** in our desire to see them start a Bible study. We will try again within a short time to work out a starting date. Thank you for continued prayer for them. We have also continued to be encouraged that a neighbor lady (in her 40's) comes to our entry area and shares concerns on her heart when she has to bring paperwork around with news for the neighborhood. We have invited her often to come and have tea and talk in more depth. She said she might like to do that this next month. She told us last night, as we visited with her when she came to the door, that her bouts of crying had stopped since we helped her earlier last month and prayed with her. Isn't God good to show her that Some One DOES care about her (that was one of the things that she 'felt' so much--'god' didn't care; no one cared...). Thank you for adding **Mrs. Matsushima** and her family to your prayers.

Other Prayer Requests:

1. **Health issue continue to keep several of our ladies away (either for themselves or a loved one). Also for them to be baptized**
2. **Pamphlet packets are being put into homes in a town housing area of Teshio—pray for some kind of response**
3. **Healing of Mrs. Nagatta from breast cancer--praise the Lord, the surgery went well. The results haven't come back from the lymph node testing yet. Also for her to be able to be a professing Christian instead of a 'secret' one.**
4. **Ken as he teaches English a couple hours in each school--especially at the junior high--one of the grades there is full of very unruly boys that make teaching difficult and very uninviting!! They need discipline and Christ!**
5. **Continued witnessing opportunities we will have through various means and with various ones including continued contact with Mr. Minoshima and Dr. Nao.**

Serving Christ Together,
Ken and Vicki Mansell

Just A Prayer At Night – your evening is our daytime