



# THE MANSELLS

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Dear Praying Friends,

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**Ge 24:27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.**

Sometimes we wonder why God continues to have us in the place He has chosen. Months seem to go by with no great development. Then, our gracious Saviour, encourages us with a blessing to show us that we are in the right place. Since last fall Dr. Kikuchi who works at the town hospital, has been attending the serves regularly. He went to Sunday School as a child and once during his medical training. Although not yet saved, he has been drawn out once more by the mercy of God to hear the gospel each week here. Ken has dealt with him personally several times but he is not yet willing to commit to the Lord Jesus as savior. He likes the atmosphere and people in church. Sadly, he will be moving to Sapporo area by April so we will miss him, but hope to connect him with a church in that area that he would still be under the preaching of the Gospel.

Several weeks ago, a family showed up for church. As it turns out, Dr. Kikuchi had recommended that they come. Praise God, the Dobata family live in Sapporo and they are both doctors. She grew up in a doctor's home and her mother is saved so she has gone to church all of her life. She was saved as a young child and desires to be a Christian doctor. Her husband is also saved. He was saved while in northern Idaho as an exchange student. The Christian family he stayed with while there was influential in his salvation. Mrs. Dobata is in Teshio for about a month as part of extra training in rural pediatrics.



Just last night after the evening service time, a man came to our house entrance and asked if I could teach him about Christianity. Here again, he had been referred to us from another person we had ministered to in the past. He said that he remembered the man who was in his office several years ago talking about how one could learn about God at the Teshio Baptist Church. Mr. Kishida (key-she-dah) is 30 years old who has recently experienced some very upsetting events in his life. So, in his time of need, he came here. We spent three hours together talking about the Lord. He did not get saved but listened intently and desires to continue studying. He took a self study Bible course home with him and we will keep in contact with him even while in the States. When we return in the spring, we will begin a one-on-one Bible study.

Home Alone: Ken has been in Japan by himself. With Vicki being able to spend time with her parents, it was necessary for Ken to return to Japan the middle of January through February to kept the various ministries going. Although difficult on both of us, this was a special time and needed time for us both. It was important to Vicki to spend with her father at this time. Pastor Coats continues to weaken and have great pain in his fight with Leukemia, but despite this he continues to minister and accomplish much each day. We praise God for His calling us to Japan but that has meant many years away from family. Vicki has been able to volunteer at the college her father, mother and brother and his wife minister at. She was able to enjoy family time together with them.

In March and April, we will be traveling in the US on a short reporting furlough. This year's travel will take us the breath of the US. Our schedule will cover eight churches, two mission conferences and 7,000 miles in about six weeks. We appreciate your prayers for traveling mercies, to be a blessing to those who help us in Japan and witnessing opportunities to take along the way. Our next prayer letter will be sent out after we return to Japan the last week of April.

Serving Christ Together,

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

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