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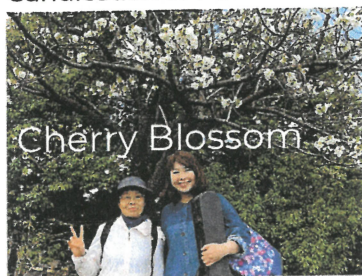
JAPANESE MISSIONS

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Praise be to the name of the Lord! Thank you for your prayers and support for the work of our mission work. 1. On Friday, April 4, we held a Bible study meeting with 5 students at Akitabada Park, which is about a 5-minute walk from our church building. In spring, cherry blossoms bloom in many parts of Japan and people enjoy cherry blossom viewing. Cherry blossoms remind us of almond flowers. Almond blossoms are found on the almond tree, a deciduous tree belonging to the cherry family Rosaceae, and are very similar to cherry blossoms. That day I preached on the subject of "The Candlestick of Pure Gold" from Exodus 25:31-40.



Six branches shall come out of the sides of a candlestick of pure gold. Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch. We learned that the golden candlestick symbolizes the shining glory of God and represents our Savior, Jesus Christ. From now on, when we see cherry blossoms, we want to associate them with the golden candlestick and praise the glory of Jesus. After praise, prayer, and Bible study, we enjoyed the fellowship over lunch. 2. Sunday, April 6, we held a Sunday School advancement ceremony. Students who advanced received gifts of congratulations and were prayed for. We pray that more students and teachers will be given to our church.

4/7 (Mon.) Japan Missionary Baptist Seminary Entrance and Opening Ceremony was held and I had the honor of preaching the Gospel. I am teaching the discipleship class this semester.

On 4/13 (Sun.), our mission church held a general business meeting. We reported on the past year's business and decided on the business plan for the coming year. We confirmed the division of roles among church members and decided to advance the Lord's work together. At the evening service, Brother Noriaki Yoshihara expressed his decision to be baptized. 4/20 (Sun.) he started attending the baptism preparation class. Please pray for his follow-up. 4/20 (Sun.) We held Sunday School outdoors and offered Easter service in the chapel. We worshiped in special remembrance of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and the congregation expressed their rededication. Afterwards, a fellowship potluck meal was held to celebrate.

On 4/29 (Tue., national holiday), the annual messengers' meeting of the Japan Baptist Association was held, and four members from our church attended. I was continuously elected and served as treasurer for 11 years, but announced my resignation. This year I was elected as auditor of the JBA. Brother Seiichi Kamoda was elected as the president of the Youth Group and Sister Miki Kamoda was elected as the secretary of the Youth Group. In addition, our church was given the task of hosting the JBA's youth bible camp next spring. Please pray that we will be able to fulfill these assigned roles.

On Wednesday, April 30, a new station wagon was delivered. We can now drive it without worrying about breakdowns or accidents. By the grace of the Lord and with the cooperation of our sister churches, we received a donation of \$6,900. The remaining balance is \$13,500. We thank the Lord and the donors very much.

Thank you for your prayers and support to preach the gospel.
May God be glorified!

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