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Hello Prayer partners,
Welcome to our
March edition! It's
been a very busy
month with a funeral,
evangelism, finally
publishing a valuable
resource for Baptist
Churches and a youth
Bible camp. Thank you
for your prayers and
faithful support!



A saint called home

Sister Eiko Kometani was called home in heaven on March 3. Sister Kometani became a Christian in 1979 when she professed her faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior. She had been a member of a church in Shinyurigaoka, Kawasaki City for many years, but in 2021, she was re-baptized at our church and became a member here. It was her constant refrain that she was truly glad this church had been established right near her home. At church, she served in the special praise ministry alongside the women's group and often brought homemade bread and cakes. She was a believer who loved the Lord and His people, so it was very sad to see her leave this world. Since she had left instructions for a Christian funeral, I officiated the service, sharing the Gospel of Jesus—whom Sister Kometani believed in and loved—singing her favorite hymns, and offering prayers. Since all of her family members are non-believers, I pray for their salvation.



Sister Kometani

Outreach in a local park



JBA Youth Bible Camp



Presenting Basic Bible Course Text Books



Evangelism and visitors to church service

On Sunday, March 1, we held a Sunday School picture-story show at a local Park and performed "The Story of the Candle." A total of six people from three parent-child pairs participated. On Sunday, March 1, Mr. Ibáñez Arias Nicárno, who had viewed our church's website, attended our worship service for the first time with his two sons. Friday, March 23: After the Bible study meeting, I invited Ms. Jeong, who was reading the meeting announcement on the sign in front of the church, into the sanctuary to talk with her. I invited her to the meeting and gave her the materials for that day's Bible teaching. She was originally from China but spoke Japanese.

Great results from JBA Youth Bible Camp

The JBA Youth Bible Camp at Okutama Gospel House from March 30 to April 1. Twenty-nine campers experienced worship, small group sessions, recreation, and services, and enjoyed meaningful fellowship. One decided to be baptized, two reaffirmed to be baptized, and many rededicated. May the Lord be glorified!

New Basic Bible Course Text Books Published

On Sunday, March 29, the publication of 400 copies of the 2017 Revised Edition of the "Step Up Bible Course" (originally known as Basic Bible Course) was completed. It took a long time to complete the revision, proofreading, editing, printing, and binding, but we have begun distributing them free of charge as requested by various JBA churches. The members of our church are also delighted. We plan to donate this book to the National Diet Library of Japan.

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