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★ *On Easter Sunday the church here in Hikari will have an evangelistic worship service followed by a picnic and family game time. Please pray that the Baba family along with other families that have children enrolled in the pre-school English class would attend.*

★ *Thank you for joining us in praying that some of the parents of the pre-school English class students would begin Bible study*

★ *Recently Mr. Shibata (featured in our December prayer letter) told his wife that he believes that the world was created and that the Lord Jesus is the Son of God. Today he accompanied his wife to the worship service. Pray that Mr. Shibata would recognize his personal sinfulness, need of salvation, and would study the Bible.*

Dear Praying Friends,

“Once upon a time” when we were a young family living in a community of young families, it was easy to gather Japanese children together for evangelistic events such as a Christmas party or even Sunday School. A huge help to that end was the fact that our children had Japanese playmates who would regularly visit in our home. This in turn provided an opportunity to meet some of the parents as well.

Eventually when our kids along with their playmates grew up and moved on to have families of their own, we were at a loss as to how to meet and form friendships with younger families



One day it was suggested to Dorothy that she offer English classes to pre-school children as a means of meeting young families. Although not confident that the children could even learn English, Dorothy developed her own method by arranging simple English songs about various subjects (e.g. the weather, foods, animals, etc.) that the children could sing as she accompanied them on her mom’s vintage accordion

Up to the present 21 tots from 11 different families have attended these classes. To get to know them better, one by one we have hosted each of the families in our home for games and a meal. The Baba family (seated on the right) were our most recent guests. They had a delightful time and didn’t want to go home. When they did leave, they gladly received the booklet of selected Scriptures that was offered to them.



Although a Bible story geared to the children is presented at each class session, our prayer has been that entire families would be exposed to the gospel. That desire was granted after Mr. & Mrs. Kita (who enrolled their 2 children in the class after learning of it on the internet) began to attend church events. First Mrs. Kita believed, followed by her children. Recently Mr. Kita also confessed to have placed his faith in the Savior. In addition to attending the weekly worship service, they practice their faith by praying together as a family each evening.