



The Monday Memo

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HOME MISSIONS

Church Planting - Church Revitalization

"...and a great number believed and turned to the Lord." Acts 11:21

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Spot Light on Home Missions: Miyuki's discovery at Northern Virginia Japanese Church

(Written as told by Miyuki)

Attending the Japanese service has been a true blessing. Having come to Jesus while living in the US, I had never been to a church in Japan, my home country. When my friend told me of the Northern Virginia Japanese Church I thought it would be 'nice' to attend a Japanese service and meet fellow Japanese brothers and sisters in Christ. However, it turned out that I underestimated the true value of the service and fellowship with others. Coming to the Japanese service and for the first time being able to sing praises and listen to the Word of God in Japanese affected me so much that it surprised me. Rev. Saigo's messages go deep into my heart, gently and sometimes sharply, like a

sword, and I realized how thirsty I was for the service and fellowship in my native language. Because of this church, I learned how to pray in Japanese for the first time (although I have been a believer for 12 years - I have worshipped in English). Another change is that I now feel convicted that I have done very little to reach out to people, especially the Japanese non-believers around me. It is my sincere prayer that God would use this Japanese service and each one of us who make up the church to further His kingdom in whatever way He pleases.

Pastor Junichi Saigo and His wife Karoru lead this church plant that meets at the Alliance Church Centre in Oakton, VA.

Update: Rev. David Blackburn

Pastor Dave Blackburn gives thanks to God for answered prayers as he reports continued improvement in the post surgery recovery process. He is gaining strength, however, he requests continued prayer. Required to

sleep in an elevated position, he is not able to rest; he averages only one and a half to two hours sleep at a time. Dave and Nancy are grateful for your continued prayer support and look forward to a full recovery.

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