



A SPECIAL PRAYER LETTER BY MISSIONARY TO JAPAN BILL HATHAWAY

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Fellow Missionaries, Pastors,
Family & Friends:

This is not my normal prayer letter. Due to my normal scheduled services and all the preparation involved for my upcoming return to Japan, I am sending this very special prayer letter. It's a PRAYER letter because I am requesting special prayer as I leave for the longest trip back to Japan ever. I just returned from preaching a mission conference in Wichita, Kansas. The Friendship Baptist Church, formerly Wichita Baptist Tabernacle, the church that sent me to Japan back in 1956. The picture was taken after the morning service this past Sunday. The deacons and some members gathered around me for special prayer as I leave for Japan. On the way, I will preach in Los Angeles at the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle for Pastor Dr. R.L. Hymers Jr., then will go to Hawaii where I'll be preaching in an English speaking church for Pastor Wygle and in a Japanese church for Missionary from Japan, Bro. Kamikubo. Then I'll be preaching in churches scattered all over Japan for about 27 days. I won't be back until the first week of May. It will be a long trip. My goal this time will be four-fold:

1. That souls will be saved.
2. That young people will be called into full time service; especially pastors & missionaries.
3. That I can encourage pastors and churches
4. That I can preach with the power of the Holy Spirit in Japanese.

I am grateful to the Lord for so many who have made it possible for me to make this missionary journey back to the land where the Lord called us so many years ago. Many have expressed concern for me as I make this trip. I may be 82, but the Lord has given me extra special good health. As long as He gives me good health and strength, I will go by the scripture that says, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

I remember preaching my very first sermon on the streets of Tokyo back in 1951 while in the military during WWII Occupation of Japan. Missionary Ike Foster took me to Tokyo and told me I was to preach; through an interpreter, of course. Here was 62 years ago. Japan was a war-torn country. My commanding general, General Douglas MacArthur pleaded for missionaries to come to Japan, but very few responded. I desperately need your prayers as I make this long missionary journey. I feel like the Apostle Paul as he went back to visit the churches he and others had started years before. **THIS WILL BE MY LAST PRAYER LETTER BEFORE LEAVING FOR JAPAN.**

Your Missionary to Japan,


Bill Hathaway