

Esakis in Osaka



(photo left)
Koji,
right, at
end of
day
dinner
at US
military
base



Koji (right
front)
interprets
for Gary
Watanabe
in Gospel
to
Okinawa
project

Gospel To Okinawa Project

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14

This was the theme verse for the project that saw 20 Japanese pastors and church planters from Okinawa gather for the first session in church renewal and church planting.

Koji's job was and will be to interpret for Gary Watanabe, over the next six monthly sessions. Gary was mentioned in the June 2018 newsletter and although our involvement in Nagoya with Joy of Japan didn't work out, this one did. God is interesting that way!

Prayer Answered!



We asked prayer that we could rent out Asako's Gifu City building, and find a better retirement home for her. God provided. A millennial architect with government financing will renovate and rent the building. Asako moved to her new retirement home on May 1.

In April 2018, Gifu City elected a Christian mayor, the son of one of the pastors I

Sam and Hana, Mae, and Asako
in Gifu City March 2019.

Prayer Requests

The Gospel to Okinawa (GTO) is training to Japanese, but it is one step removed by the translation process from English to Japanese. The related coaching that Koji is doing with elders is in Japanese. **The prayer is that we could get to the point where more Japanese can train Japanese.**

Koji is serving as a ministry partner with our local bi-lingual church of about 100. **Please pray for his monthly preaching and our pre-marital coaching for young couples in this church.**

There are four Japanese attending our Bible studies for the last for two years, but have yet to profess their faith. **Please pray for these two men and two women.**

Marcia's teaching at Kobe Shoin will come to an end in July. New university rules were instituted that change this English support program. **We pray for new opportunities.**

Hana will deliver her first baby in July—a boy! Please pray for safety before and after delivery.