

We are the Canters, BIMI Missionaries to Japan. Our sending church is Trinity Baptist Church of Jacksonville Florida. Our current ministry is working in a church plant in a city called Tsukuba.



We have teamed up with the Nagae family; both are Japanese graduates from the Kansai Independent Baptist Institute.



The work here is under the authority of the Yokohama Bible Baptist Church, a church averaging 200 each Sunday.



We held the opening ceremony on May 5, 2008, with seventy people attending. Ten adults of the seventy became the core of the church plant.



The picture is of the ten adults at our first worship service. Church planter Nagae and his wife are behind the pulpit that Steve built.



Tsukuba, located 35 miles north of Tokyo, is the “Silicon Valley” of Japan. It hosts the Japanese Space Center, many large research centers, and universities. University of Tsukuba, one of the more prestigious universities in Asia, is located here also. It has a campus that covers several thousand acres.



Since May, we have seen six precious souls saved. God has also blessed with many visitors.



Bro. Nagae is an excellent preacher. He does most of the preaching, for which I am thankful, because Japanese is not easy. His sermons are always Biblical and easy to understand.



I preach at least once or twice a month. My responsibilities include teaching the Adult Sunday School Class, the Singles Outreach, and discipleship. We post flyers and pass out tracts, besides creating ministry and printing materials. Currently, my wife and I are drafting a discipleship program that includes the students' booklets and a leader's manual.



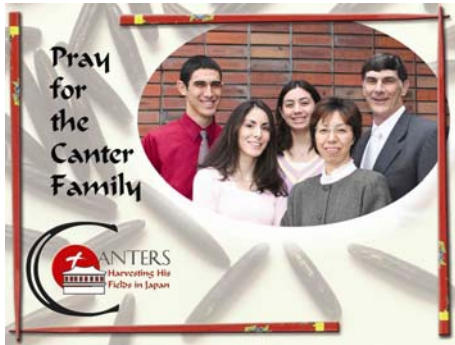
Obviously there is the day-to-day upkeep of a church. God has prepared me for this work by raising me on a farm and through training in the Navy for 20 years. This experience has given me the ability to do the various physical aspects needed, from electrical to plumbing; which includes knowledge of software applications. We use Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and PDF Professional for our printing needs and MS Office Suite for presentations and day-to-day printing.



Having only two parking spaces at the church was a problem. In one of our prayer letters, we asked for everyone to pray with us for more parking. God has provided us with an empty field that will park twelve cars comfortably; if they are packed in, eighteen cars will fit. This allows us to reserve two visitors' spaces at the house where we hold the worship services. When the twelve parking spots are filled regularly, we will then have a space problem at the house. We already need an additional restroom. **Start praying now for new facilities.**



We have placed over 25,000 flyers in mailboxes (legal to do here). Generally, we spend two hours twice a week posting. Pray that the flyers will arrive in the hands of the souls closest to hell and that they would attend the services. **Pray for more laborers here.**



Pray for me as I am still recovering from shoulder surgery. The surgery was done September 4, 2008, on my right shoulder to repair a torn rotator cuff and to remove a bone spur. The doctor is pleased with the surgery and therapy progress. Pray for Stephen and Janette in Trinity Baptist College.

Pray for God's wisdom and direction as we are looking to hold English conversation classes at the University of Tsukuba.



Please don't forget to Pray for the Nagaes.