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We are PLANTING A

CHURCH

Update Letter From Robert Fletcher Adair

✕ 2 Months ✕

We have two month to go this time around in Minamata. It is going to be an exciting time of ministry and transition. You can find out many things about the transition and current ministry at:

WWW.ADAIRUPDATE.COM



Christmas Eve

We had a fun Christmas Eve fellowship event at the church this year. The group above includes two English students who also came to participate. We watched "The Nativity Scene" together and then had snacks, coffee, and a time of fellowship. My friend's 3 year old nephew, who I have known his entire life, decided I was Santa. The entire evening he called me Santa, even though I was in normal clothes.

I don't know if you have noticed but my web page has moved. The new page includes a regularly updated blog with current stories and pictures from life here in Japan. There is also a map showing exactly where I



am. There is more information on ministry and life here than I could ever pack into a newsletter. If you have some time check it out and leave a comment. I see my hit counter climbing but there are no comments. Are people shy, or is it just my mom looking at the site everyday?

Prayer Requests お祈りください

Here are a few points to help guide you as you pray for Japan.

Continue to pray that the two girls who made a decision for Christ will be baptized in the coming months.

Pray for Akhito, a young man who has vision to take care of my contacts after I am gone.

Pray that I can get closure and feel free to leave Minamata.

Pray that we would see a harvest in the next 2 months of ministry, and that my ministry partners will enjoy our time together.



Are You Coming?

In a previous newsletter, I mentioned having a celebration event here in Minamata to share about ministry and allow an opportunity to meet our ministry partners here in Japan. The event will be

the weekend of March 14th. Travel costs will be around \$1500. After that if you are willing to do a home-stay, expenses will be minimal. If you are interested please contact me by February 6th.

NEW YEARS

New Years in Japan is big. It is comparable to Thanksgiving or Christmas in the States. Children come home from college, and everyone gets a holiday. It is also a great chance to spend time with contacts because people who are usually busy are free.

ENGLISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

2008's Christmas party was a great success.



We had over 50 participants including 35 non-Christians. Our chapel time was also done by one of the young people at the church. It was her first

time to speak in front of a large group, and she did an excellent job. It was sad that it was my last Christmas here but still a lot of fun.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The night after our English Christmas party was our church-wide Christmas party. The samurai to the right made an appearance in a skit that was a huge hit. I bet you didn't know samurai really drive around with

swords. Overall the greatest success of our Christmas ministry was the number of people we got connected with the church in Minamata for the first time.



The party was also a chance for some of my students to have a fun relaxed time with some of our church members.

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