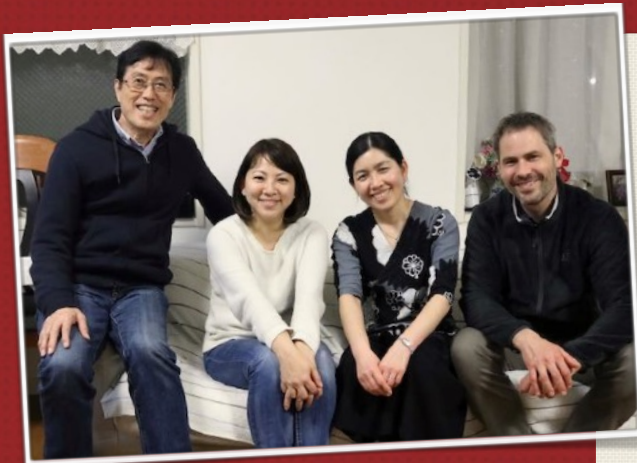


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PRAY FOR M & S AS THEY BEGIN MARRIED LIFE AS TEACHERS IN RURAL HOKKAIDO. WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS WITNESSES AT THEIR WEDDING IN A BIG CHURCH IN TOKYO. PRAY FOR R AS SHE BEGINS WORK AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST. ALL THREE BELONGED TO A CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO SERVED AS CAMP COUNSELLORS AND OCCASIONALLY MET AT ACC. PRAY FOR OUR ELDEST, GRACE, AS SHE TRANSITIONS TO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE, LIKE YOSHITO KATO, WHO HAD SUCH AN IMPORTANT IMPACT ON OUR LIVES AND PRAY THAT WE, IN TURN, WILL BE EMPOWERED TO INFLUENCE A NEW GENERATION FOR CHRIST.

TAKAYAMA BEACH COMPANY



THE TAKAYAMA BEACH COMPANY (TBC) HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT SUMMER RETREAT FOR MISSIONARIES SINCE THE 1890S. A FEW YEARS AGO WE BOUGHT CABIN 13 WHICH HAS A RICH HISTORY. IN THE WAR YEARS IT WAS COMMANDEERED, FIRST BY THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY, THEN BY THE OCCUPYING U.S. FORCES. WE'VE INHERITED THEIR GRAFFITI, NAME TAGS, AND ARMY COTS. WHEN BUILDING A NEW FLOOR FOR THE ANNEX, LUKE'S FATHER FOUND A COIN MINTED IN 1889. THE CABIN IS SUFFERING THE RAVAGES OF TIME AND OUR GOAL IS TO PRESERVE ITS HISTORICAL CHARACTER WHILE ALSO MAKING IT COMFORTABLE BY MODERN STANDARDS.