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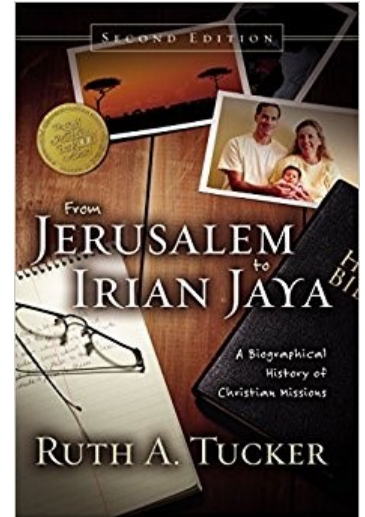
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Part of the pre-field (missionary preparation) ministry is to learn more about the history of mission. Also learn more about the people group that we going to serve, which is Japan in our case. Over this past month, I spend quite a bit of time reading an important mission history book, *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya* by Ruth Tucker. In the past, I have read many missionary biographies, but this one is very unique. This book openly talked about the challenges, difficulties, weakness of missionaries, without any hesitation. Even the father of modern Protestant mission, William Carey, how he felt called to go to India, but his wife did not. Nevertheless, he dragged the whole family to India. His wife then suffers from a severe mental illness, no longer after that she dies, it was a tragedy. This book also talked about the marriage relationship struggle that Hudson Taylor had. Taylor almost drops out of the mission, because of a lady back home, not only that, he also suffered from loneliness and struggle greatly, due to cross-cultural and language learning. These negative examples did not mention very often in other biographies. However, these example trying to show us that missionaries are not super giant or very capable people. Missionaries simply are a group of weak people who obey God's calling and willing to follow God wherever He called. One significant difference I can see for missionaries was they all learn to hold-on to God because only Lord Jesus is everything to them.

These examples also tell us, how missionary family care ministry is so important. Missionaries are the soldier in front line, but if there is no logistical support, front line soldiers will die easily. It is very difficult to fight against the darkness of this world, especially those spiritual unreached countries. The amazing thing is, God is able to use weak people to accomplished His master plan. Only little over 200 years, the Protestant Christianity has spread from America/Europe to almost every part of the world. This witnessed the greatness of God. He calls the Christians and makes us the vessels of the gospel, in order to transform us in this process, so that we may receive His grace and the crown of glory in the future. This truly amazed me! God puts the needs of the people group in the heart of the missionaries. What missionaries need to learn is to obey God and relied on Him alone. We learn to share the love of Christ to a different people group and extend our hand to care for the spiritual need of the nations. The Lord puts Japan in our heart, would you pray with us, and care for this largest unreached people group in the developed nation in the world?



- September is the beginning of a new semester in Japan. There is a sad phenomenon during this time, which is a spike of teen suicide. Many students are bullied in school, going back to school feels like going back to hell. Parents or teachers may also become additional pressure when they force their kids to go back to school. Another major reason is student will face overwhelming academic competition, underperformance also is another major reason for suicide. Please pray for the youth in Japan during this time of the year. For additional information, please read
- <https://japantoday.com/category/national/japan-on-suicide-watch-as-children-go-back-to-school>
- Recently, Japan faces another crisis, that is, North Korea's military threat. In the past, most people think that N-Korea only put up a show, but now the situation seems increasingly less optimistic. On Aug/29, N-Korea launched missiles across Japan, landed on the other side of Hokkaido. Our co-worker in Japan also got a warning message on his mobile device, and telling them to "evacuate and hide under strong structure or basement," this is no drill but real. <https://www.facebook.com/nipponalva/posts/1771699299524216>
- Please pray for Japan, asking the Lord to give peace, and empower the very few Christians to have the ability to help their own people. In the midst of difficulties, they can know the one true God and have real peace in Christ. Please also pray for the missionaries and church leaders, pastors, to work together, and serve the community, share the gospel with much more. May God save His people in Japan.

Praise and Prayer:

- Praise the Lord, we had a wonderful trip to North-California. We had the opportunities to share with 3 churches about our mission to Japan and the spiritual need in Japan. May God continues to lead many more churches to partner with us in reaching Japanese.
- Currently, we have 3 churches and 34 brothers and sisters committed to partner with us long-term. There are also 4 churches and 80+ people gave us one-time supported. There are about 5 churches currently considering to partner with us long-term. Praise the Lord for every provision and partnership.
- Originally in October, we plan to go to Oregon for a mission training, but the training center don't have enough student this time, so the class is cancel. This is part of our mission preparation requirement. Please pray for this matter, we hope to have the most appropriate arrangements.
- Our mission agency recently has moved, here is the new address **20 INVERNESS PL E ENGLEWOOD CO 80112-5622**. If you use the donation envelope with Worldventure name on it, you can still send to the old address. The only thing is, it will take a bit longer time to reroute to the new address.



Partner Development progress:

- Praise the Lord, our **monthly budget have reached 44%, and the Launching (one-time) ministry budget have reached 68%**
- We sincerely invite you to **become our monthly partner**, if 160 people willing to commit \$40 per month, we would have reach the goal.
- In order to help people understand the need for the mission, we prepare a webpage to explain all the detail, feel free to take a look and contact us if you have any questions. <http://www.chang4japan.org/financial-report-english.html>



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- please visit www.worldventure.com/chang4japan to partner with us.
- You can also send a check (US Or Canadian check only) to Worldventure, please make payable to

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CO 80112-5622 (new address)

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