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Jesus said "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) We thank the Lord for giving us such promised and blessing. Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. However, nearly a third of the population in the world still don't know this truth or do not yet understand. Including most Japanese. We pray that the Lord will raise up many churches and send out more workers for the gospel of Jesus Christ. We also pray that the Lord will call many Japanese to become citizens of heaven, and anticipated the second coming of Christ.



## Praise and update:

- Praise the Lord, 2017 end with the wonderful conference of CMC (Chinese Mission Convention, West coast). Many great messages that challenge us to give our all to Jesus. He is worthy of our all. He who is not fool to strive and give everything for the kingdom purpose. You can listen to the conference
  - http://cmcwest.org/index.php/en/mediapage
- February I (Gary) will attend RIC conference (Reaching Japanese for Christ). This is a wonderful network of missionaries and organizations. May God teach me more on how to reach Japanese for Christ.
  - http://rjcnetwork.org/conferences/2018-rjc-international-conference/
- We will be going to Denver Colorado in April to attend pre-departure training at Worldventure headquarter. This will be our final training, may God bless our time and prepare us well for departure.



- We continue to work on the online course for cross-culture parenting training. We hope to finish this in March. There are many reading and assignment. May God use this training to prepare us to teach our children in cross-cultural context.
- There are many things we need to deal with in the coming half year. Including moving and various application for documents and visa. Our hope and desire are to reach 100% by early April, on the support raising, so we can have about 3~5 months to process all the applications for visa and various documents. We plan to depart at the middle of July and we will visit family in Taiwan first, then go to Japan from Taiwan in early September. Although we have this plan, only God can make everything work out. Please pray that God will lead us according to His time.

## **Support Raising progress:**

Praise the Lord for providing everything we need and thank you for partner with us. The monthly budget has reached 85% and the launching (one-time) budget has reached 93%. You can read more about our financial need at http://www.chang4japan.org/support-the-chang-family.html





