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Jesus said "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, **for apart from me you can do nothing.**" (John 15:5) Since April 2017, I stepped down from pastoral ministry and fully engaged in mission preparation. During this year, my heart was uneasy. I worry about many things very often, sometimes wondering why we make this decision to do mission work. Why and what do I worry about? First of all, we have no regular income, God amazed us by helping us to sold our house in just two days on the market and through selling this house, we have enough for daily need. Next challenge is to share the mission need to the people, not only the financial need, which is pretty awkward, but also why Japan? Isn't Japan looks fine? It is not a poor area why does Japan need missionary? Another challenge is most Chinese still have a hostile feeling toward Japanese. How do I share this need among Chinese churches? In reality, very few people know that although Japan has advanced technology, they are actually **the second largest unreached people group in the world.** I thank God for His mercy and grace on me, today I like to share with you a good news, God is truly faithful and trustworthy, He is also a God who listens to prayer. Through many brothers and sisters prayer and financial support, **we have reached 100% by the middle of April.** May God remember each and every sacrifice you have made. Over this year God taught me

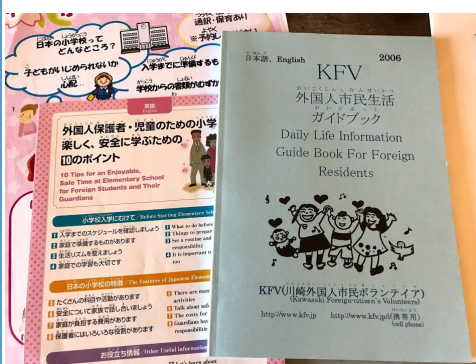
1. Mission work is not something that I personally can accomplish. Mission is the work of God. He calls the churches and Christians to work together to accomplish it.
2. Why do missionaries need to go through the process of support raising? Because through this journey we witness God's faithfulness, He will do what He said He will do.
3. This also is a testimony to the body of Christ, this should motivate every Christian to get involved in global mission work, it is the eternal kingdom business.
4. It is not that we saved people, but that God saves people and transformed people's life. we have the privilege of becoming a vessel used by God. We become a witness and give glory and honor to our Lord.

We deeply felt God's grace and the blessing of the body of Christ. We want to thank you once again from the bottom of our heart. Thank you for your partnership. Preparation for departure has been completed, but it is now the beginning of the mission. We urge everyone to continue to care about the development of the Gospel work in Japan and continue to support us in prayer and financial need.



## Status Update:

- We finally begin the countdown, during this month, we shipped most of our belongings back to Taiwan. We expect to return to Taiwan to visit relatives in early July, also visiting supporting church. After that, we plan to move to Japan in September from Taiwan. Since we got married (9 years) we have lived in 8 different address and moved 7 times. Now we are about to do the 8th moving, but this time is across the ocean to Japan. There are many surprise and challenge along the ways, I am thankful to God for leading us, especially I want to thank my wife, for her willingness to walk this path with me to serve our Lord.
- Our two kids are also looking forward to a new life Journey, especially Abby will often say things like, after we move to Japan, I want to learn this or do that and so on. May God help these two children to feel God's love and purpose in doing cross-culture mission. Please pray for them.
- We also started to learn more about the city we going to live in, Kawasaki. Last year April when we visit Japan, we went to the city council. It seems that this city very welcome foreigner, they have many guidebooks in various language for foreigners. For example, how to register for school, also information on various service that the city provides. All in English or Chinese. It is very thoughtful.



- Although I have learned Japanese during high-school for about 4-5 years, I haven't used it or practice for 20+ years. Now I am back to basic level. For us 40 years old middle age people, learning a new language again is really challenging. Thankfully we know how to reach Chinese Character (some Kanji) we hope this knowledge can help us learning Japanese. If all goes as plan, our mission agency will arrange for me (Gary) to attend full-time language school in October. Since Jennifer need to take care of the kids most of the time, she will be doing home tutoring. Please pray for our whole family in learning Japanese.

## Praise and Prayer



- Thank the Lord that we have finished all the mission preparation in one year. This is truly God's grace and the prayer and support of every brothers and sister. We witness God's hand lead us to step by step, we want to thank the Lord and everyone from the bottom of our heart.
- We have three important documents need to apply 1) Japan Visa 2) Maintenance of U.S. Green Cards (I-131 and N-470) We have submitted all the necessary paper work early April. These three documents need about 3 months process time, please pray that we can safely process all these documents on time.
- We hope to get an answer around the middle of June, so we can move to the next step, which is buying air-ticket. We plan to attend WorldVenture 75 year celebration in Colorado, then we expect to travel back to Taiwan in the second week of July. After that, we will be moving to Japan in the first week of September. Please pray for the safety of the whole trip.
- We have finished all the training and support raising, nevertheless, we continue to look for opportunities to sharing the gospel need in Japan to as many people as possible. We want to encourage you to continue to pray and support us financially.
- **Why do we still need to raise more supported?**  
⇒ Although we have reached 100%, this is a basic budget that our mission agency prepare for us, it is the qualification for proceed for the long-term mission. Although this budget covers various categories, there is a possibility that some have been missing. We will have a more realistic annual budget after we live in Japan for 1 or 2 years. Other reason why we still need to raise more support, 1) People who made a faith pledge might have stopped giving 2) The annual living cost will raise 1~2% 3) New ministry development or unexpected cost. Ideally, if we can maintain about 106~110% it will be more sustaining. If you have not yet supported a missionary for long-term, we invite you to pray and consider to support us and become a partner in our mission work in Japan.

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