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My son recently asked me whether we are in a dream or not. Everything seems unreal. In the past two months, we have moved, traveled, visited relatives, and visited many places. When I look at the photos I took, I often regret not taking more shots to capture the wonderful moments. Sometimes life is like that, many good moments passing by in the blink of an eye. The Lord's words remind me to "[make] the best use of the time because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:16-17, ESV). We must seize every opportunity that the Lord provides so we can contribute to the Kingdom of God, even when our strength is weak and little. The Lord's purpose is to make us a vessel to reflect the glory of God and let more people know the love of Christ through us. I thank God for giving me some opportunities to share about our Japan mission journey and preparation. Although this process is long, I am thankful for this experience, because I think it is necessary. Through this preparatory process, we have witnessed the faithfulness of the Lord and how He amazingly provided for our every need. God calls and equips us so that we can have the confidence to walk on this path. We should not be limited by our own perspective or agenda. We should be willing to give up on trusting ourselves and submit to His authority because there is nothing too difficult for God. We pray that the Lord will give us courage so we can bear witness to the kingdom of heaven in Japan.

## Status Update:

- We were happy to participate in the 75th anniversary of WorldVenture in early July. Through this celebration, we gained a better understanding of the history and mission of WV. God has used WV to spread the Gospel to the world over the past 75 years. Today, there are more than 500 units of missionaries across more than 60 countries. We are honored to be part of this missionary family. Please continue to pray for WV. Ask the Lord to strengthen the organization so WV can mobilize more people to join the mission and equip more people to dedicate their lives for the kingdom.
- My parents usually live in New Zealand. It is rare that we have the chance to have a reunion in Taiwan. We thank the Lord for arranging this gathering. We had the opportunity to visit our birthplace and visit relatives to say goodbye to them. Although we are going to Japan, which is a neighboring country of Taiwan, we hope to meet more often now that we're closer.





## Praise:

- Praise the Lord! Through the leadership of Pastor Albert Lam and the mission board, we received the blessing from our church, Chinese Bible Church of San Diego. We carry the blessing of our church to begin our mission Journey. This prayer is vital for our spiritual blessing, because it gave us the courage to walk on this path. Mission is the calling for the local church. May God use us to be His witness in a land where there is a great number of unreached people.



- We also want to thank the brothers and sisters from the TVC campus; we will surely miss them all. We know we have a family in Temecula when we need to return for home assignment. I thank God for them, for all the help they gave us, so we can leave the U.S. without worries.

- We only have about 10 days left before we move to Japan. We are excited and looking forward to it, but we are also nervous and wonder what we might face. We thank the Lord for preparing everything for us. Our team leader has successfully rented an apartment for us, and the location is very good. We will have good access to the children's school, our church, and the train station. Thank you for your prayers. The apartment is about 65 square meters (about 700 square feet). Although it might be small (from a U.S. point of view), it is very adequate



## Prayer:

- We know the school that Caleb will be attending; it is called Takatsu Elementary School of Kawasaki City. This elementary school has a history of more than 100 years, and it is a local public school. I think this transition will be a great challenge for Caleb. Please pray for Caleb and ask the Lord to help him adapt well and as soon as possible. Please also pray for his study of Japanese as well as for good classmates and teachers, so he can learn the language and culture without fear or anxiety. Please also pray for us, asking the Lord to give us wisdom, love, and patience to help him transition to this new environment and school.
- We still need to find a suitable kindergarten for Abby. Please pray that the Lord will provide one soon.
- I (Gary) will start school on October 9th, and I will have a Japanese language entrance exam on October 4th. I hope that everything will go smoothly.



### Financial status:

- (New) Our mission agency recently updated the donation system. If you have donated before, you can now enter the system to manage your donations and receive more accurate reporting. You're welcome to try it out. <https://give.worldventure.com/> If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or contact the finance department at [giving@worldventure.com](mailto:giving@worldventure.com)
- In the last prayer letter, I mentioned that our family was still short on some of our monthly funds. Thank you for your care and your response! Our funds have reached the required amount. If there are any changes in the future, we will share those with you. Thank you again for your care and support.

### Ministry update:

- Our church planting team plans to start a new location next year. Please see the following link for details. Our team leader, Kevin, is also actively working on this ministry. Please look so you can learn more about our ministry. <http://www.lavermansinjapan.org/muko/>
- PDF info <http://www.lavermansinjapan.org/media/downloads/MukoHouseChurchBrochure.pdf>



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