

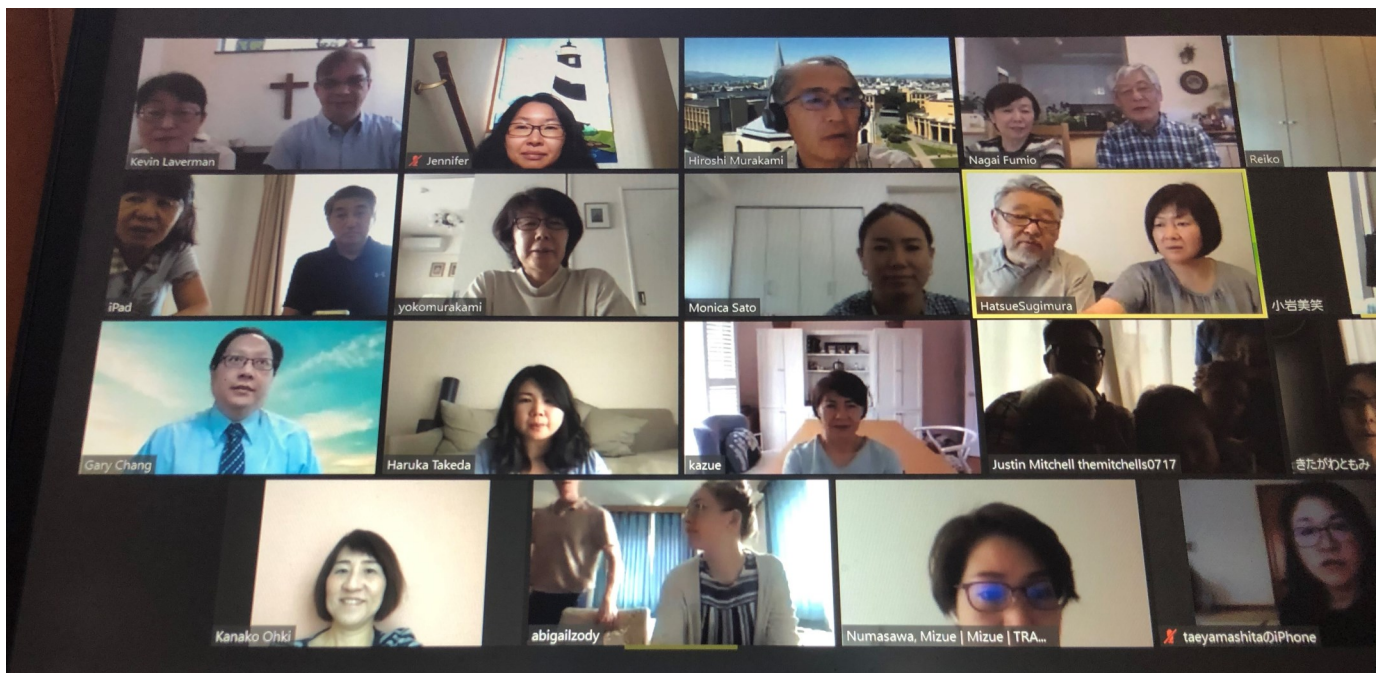


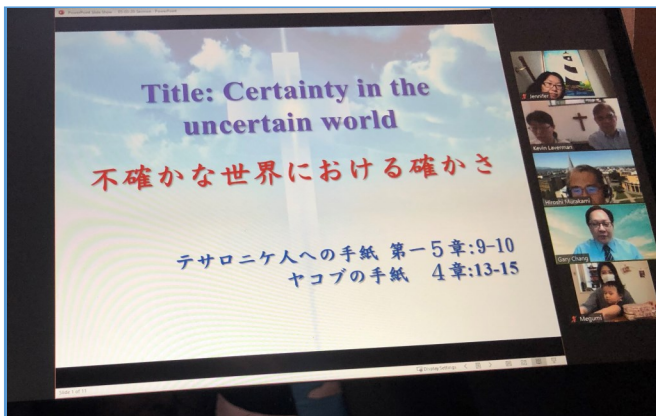
Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” (James 4:13-15)

Over the past few months, the new coronaviruses have affected all parts of the world. This verse is more true than ever. Life is like a vapor, appear a little while and gone. What can be certain? An invisible small virus has destroyed human self-confidence and interrupts greatly the human

system. God allows this to happen so we can all paused and reflect, what is more important in life?

I think most people like to plan and make a schedule and have a good handle on things, and take control in their own hand, I am no exception. However, God wants us all to learn to trust in Him, because “if Lord willing” things will happen, if not, He will lead us to the best path there can be. In this new “normal” let us all learn to trust in Him. Let us also pray for a multitude of people who lost their job in the US and also in Japan. For Japan, they were planning to have Olympic this year, but as you may know, it has been postponed to next year. However, the financial loss has already become a “311 like, major finical tsunami.” Let us pray, that the Lord will use this crisis to draw many more Japanese to Himself. **(Over the past month, our churches in Japan have moved our worship online. Thank the Lord for the stable number of people attending and sometimes a small increase)**





May/3rd is the first time I preach online, it was an interesting experience. I am thankful that in situation like this, I still have the opportunity to share God's word with people.



## JBF (virtual) Fellowship

April 18, 2020

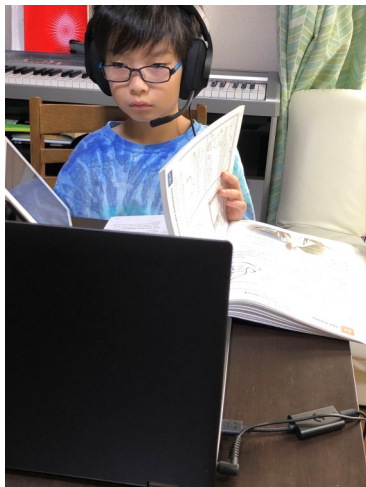
We usually have an annual retreat, but this year due to the virus outbreak, we moved the gathering online. Missionaries have grown by 50% since 2017, we are thankful that the Lord is sending more missionaries to Japan. There are currently nearly 57 units serving in Japan.

50% of us have just arrived in Japan in the past 1-3 years. We still need to learn and adapt. May the Lord use us to lead more Japanese to Christ.

## WELCOME

- Fellowship (virtual) with Prayer time (real & authentic)
- 60 participants (34 units).
- All JBF is able to join except for Bri Sample & Yoshitaka/ Ayumi Sato.
- JBF Fun facts:  
57 missionaries (including appointees). 5 more on application...  
50% (27 missionaries) started arriving 2017 (3 years ago).  
50% are under 35 years old  
Multi-generational, Multi-cultural, Multi-agency, Multi-ministry
- Value, empower, unleash each JBF missionary.
- COVID-19 Pandemic. Missionaries always adapt and adjust to be relevant to our people group.

## Life Update



Although the children were unable to go to school due to the lock-down, school provides online class. We thank God for giving us this tool.



Say goodbye to our apartment, thank God for providing this place for us in the past 18 months.

Over the past 3 years, we have moved 4 times, we hope this time we can stay for more than 3 years, at least.



## Praise and Prayer

- Although Japan was also under the lock-down in the past month, we still manage to move. Thanks to our Japanese co-workers for helping us find the moving company, everything goes smoothly.
- Although the pandemic is serious everywhere, especially in the United States, we still have to return to the US, in order to renew our Travel Document. We will return to the US on 5/13, for about 2 and a half months. Please pray for our journey.
- Japan has also issued a travel ban, so we have to wait until Japan opens again before we can return to Japan. We hope we can return to Japan sometime around July, if Lord willing, please pray for Japan to be able to content this pandemic.
- While in the US, we also need to process the application, however, many government agencies have been close, we don't know how long we need to wait, please pray that all these procedures will go well.
- Traveling during the pandemic is rather nervous, please pray that we will have good health throughout the trip. We will do the 15 days quarantine after we landed, please pray that the Lord will provide our daily need.
- Please pray for our children. Over the past few years, they went through many transitions. In addition to that, we have been keeping the social distance, and stay home for almost 2 months now. May God help them to understand and adjust to this challenging time.



## Financial Update

- We are still short of about \$800 US per month. We sincerely invite you to prayerfully consider partner with us.
- Please click the following link to become our financial partner. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. <https://www.worldventure.com/chang4japan>
- Or you can also send in checks
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