



But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Pet.2:9)

Recently in our family devotion, we come across this verse. Kids ask me, what a priest was, so I spend some time explaining to them. In the OT, when people wanted to worship God, they need to go through a priest. The priest first offered sacrifices on behalf of the people. It can be said that the role of the priest is the bridge between God and man.

We know in the New Testament, Jesus Christ became our high priest. Jesus becomes the only bridge between God and man, and we can directly worship before God by trusting in Jesus Christ. This is the grace and privilege of Christians. But what does this scripture say, "We are the royal priesthood of the king," what does this mean to us? This is not only our identity, but also our mission, and the action brought about by this mission is to intercede for all people and nations. Especially at this moment

of the pandemic. We pray that the Lord will continue to use us to become the priests of Japanese, the world's second-largest unreached people group, and to pray for Japan to return to the one true God.

Once again, we like to thank all the brothers and sisters and churches who are caring for us and praying for us. We came back to the state on May 13, and it has been two and a half months now. The primary reason for us to return was to renew our green-card reentry permit and our daughter's US passport. In regular time, this procedure only takes about 6 weeks, but because of the Covid-19, many public offices were closed or delay significantly. I read some reports and discussions online that it takes an average of 4 months to wait for passport renewal. Even though we are eager to return to Japan, but learn to trust in God's best timing.

One of the major praise is that the Lord provides for us an apartment at providence mission homes. This is an apartment complex only rent out to missionary. Actually, half years ago, I've contacted this place, but there was no room. However, after living in Airbnb for one month, my wife asks me to try again. With the worry of don't know where to live next, I contact this place again. Surprisingly someone has canceled their reservation, so there is a

room for us. We praise the Lord for providing this place for us. Thank you very much for praying for us, your answer has been answered. We can stay here until we return to Japan. This apartment is locate at Pasadena CA. We also get to meet other missionaries around the world, this is very encouraging.



Life Update



We are thankful to our supporting churches for coming to visit us and encourage us.



The 1st month back in the US, we have changed 4 different places, it feels like moving.



Abby celebrated her 6 years old birthday, she miss her Japanese friend, wishing to spend time with them.

Ministry update

- Although this time coming back to the US does not count as a home assignment, (generally speaking, home assignment happened after one term, and each term is about 4 years.) but the Lord gave us several opportunities to share and report with different churches through the Internet. If your church or fellowship is willing, please feel free to contact us. We can also arrange an online meeting with you.
- We made a 3 mins short video, to update/share our 19 months in Japan. We welcome you to take a look and share. www.chang4japan.org/video.html
- In order to protect the privacy of the people we are trying to reach in Japan, we decide to use a Facebook private group. In this group, we can be freer to share more specific needs and prayer requests, and pray for gospel seeker by name. The previous Facebook page will continue to be used, but we will not post any specific prayer request there, so if you like to join this private group, please reply to us by e-mail.

Praise and Prayer

- Our kids miss Japan very much, and they already regard Japan as their home. Through the Internet, we continue to keep in touch with our Japanese friends, we pray and ask the Lord to work in their hearts, hope one day they will come to know the Lord.
- Please pray for the paper works that we are still waiting for, and hope we can get them soon.
- Please pray for Japan. There are new virus outbreaks in Tokyo, so there is another wave of travel bans. Even If we get the documents now, we still need to get approval from the Japanese embassy for travel.
- Caleb's school will begin on August 17th. The school is willing to use live steam to let him attend classes. Please pray for his fifth-grade study.
- We also need to arrange some homeschooling for Abby. Please pray that we have the ability to teach Abby some English and basic Japanese during this waiting time.
- Please continue to pray for our family's Japanese learning. Although we have been sheltered in during this pandemic, we have done some good learning through the Internet. Keep it up.



There is a courtyard in the apartment, good to do some exercise.

Financial Update

- Due to Covid-19 and the new adjustment to new year budget, We are **in short of \$1500 US per month**. We understand this is a difficult time for many people, we pray that the Lord will have mercy and supply people's need. We sincerely invite you to prayerfully consider to increase your giving or become our new partner.
- 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, Payable to **WorldVenture, Memo #275, WorldVenture**
- **20 INVERNESS PL. E ENGLEWOOD CO 80112-5622**

Contact us

- <https://www.facebook.com/Chang4Japan>
<http://www.chang4japan.org/>
E-mail: chang4japan@worldventure.net
- New mailing address
- 4-14-24-1 Futago, Takatsu Ku,
Kawasaki Shi, Kanagawa
213-0002 Japan

