

## He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. (Eccl. 3:11)

As the saying goes, "Man Proposes, God Disposes," I think 2020 may be the most typical example of such saying. Most people's plans for this year have been disrupted by an invisible virus. The world is still shrouded in anxiety and hesitation, especially the United States. What kind of attitude should we have to get through this challenging time in the midst of chaos? We often said God is sovereign, and He is in absolute control of all things. But what happened this year really test whether we really believe that "God sits enthroned as king forever." This verse in Ecclesiastes has given me a good reminder that God's way and plan are something we humans "cannot fully understand." But this verse also tells us that "God makes everything beautiful in its time," God's time and plan are ultimately the best. This pandemic has given us a deep reminder that this world is temporary. If we want to find a place where we can

rest in this world, we will eventually be disappointed. This also gives us motivation. We need to be more active in caring for people who have not yet known Christ and do not understand the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. Especially in this epidemic, the number of suicides in Japan in the past few months (about 17,000) far exceeds the number of deaths due to the coronavirus (about 1,800). **Especially several very well-known celebrities and entertainers**, this makes more people have suicidal thoughts. Let us pray for Japan and pray that more people can hear the gospel, experience the love of Christ, accept the Lord's salvation, and have the hope and joy of eternal life.



Time flies, the United States is about to enter the Thanksgiving season, and this year is about to end. We would like to wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving." Although this year is really tough for most people, let us pause and count God's blessing. In the midst of challenges, we can still witness God's care and blessing in each one of us. This time we have been back in the United States for more than 6 months, and we did not expect to stay that long, but God's time is really the best. During this period, we had the opportunity to visit churches, and through the Inter-

net, we also connected with many fellowships, groups, and churches. To make a rough calculation, I have shared almost 30 times in the Zoom/google meeting. I also preached on Sundays in 3 different churches. Thank the Lord for the arrangement and opportunity. Now the waiting is over. Thank God we have completed the first step to apply for the reentry permit (fingerprints, background check). We can leave the US and wait in Japan for the final reentry permit documents. Please pray for us that we can get the reentry permit soon. (So we can return to the US next time). We have bought the ticket to fly back to Japan on 11/16. We still need to do a COVID test tomorrow (11/14). If none of us has the virus, we are free to go. Thanks to many brothers, sisters, and churches for their support and help in the past 6 months. We pray that the Lord would take care of each one of you. We also ask the Lord to have mercy on the United States. We hope that the vaccine will be available as soon as possible and end this global pandemic. I also pray that the Lord will strengthen the churches, recharge at this waiting time, and prepare to run a new race for the kingdom of heaven.

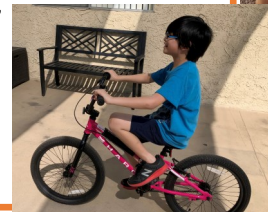
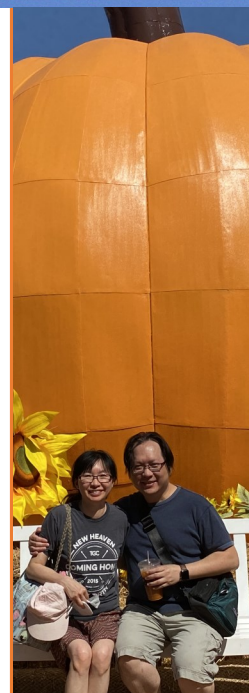


### Ministry update

- After 6 months of waiting, we are finally ready to go back to Japan. Our ticket is on 11/16. Please pray for a safe journey back to Japan.
- We have started a new Facebook Private group. The purpose is to protect the privacy of the people we serve or met in Japan. We can share more details and prayer requests in this group. If you have Facebook, please message me to invite you to join this Private prayer group.
- 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](http://www.chang4japan.org/video.html)
- Last month we shared the financial shortage. Thank the Lord for calling more brothers and sisters to partner with us. It used to be short of **\$1500 per month**, but now it has been **reduced by \$650**. we are **still short of \$850 per month**. We sincerely invite you playfully consider partnering with us.
- **Announcement from head office**—Due to the pandemic, many letters were processed very slow or lost. The mission headquarters decided to fully electronic (this will save a lot of money for the organization). Starting from 2021, the mission will no longer send receipts by mail. The mission will use email to send donation receipts. Missions can still receive paper checks, but donation envelopes will not be sent.
- If you sign up for the online account in a more convenient way, you can see all your past donation records. If you do not have an account, please go to the following link to create one. If you have any questions or difficulties, please feel free to contact us.

### Praise and Prayer

- The Lord answered your prayer! In the previous prayer letter, we mentioned the bullying that our son encountered in the Japanese school. As a result, he has negative feelings about studying Japanese and living in Japan. For this reason, we had to transfer him to an international school. Now, he has been in the new school for a little over a year. During this year, the Lord gradually helped him and healed his soul. Although he is much better, the attitude of reluctance to learn Japanese has always been there. In the past six months, God has gradually changed him. Now he is willing to learn Japanese and very much to look forward to returning to Japan. God really did answer all of your (and our) prayers. Let us praise the Lord together.
- Abby's personality is always timid. When we first moved into the missionary apartment, she was unwilling to play with other children. In the past one or two months, God gradually changes her. She made friends with several MKs. Now that we are about to leave, she feels sad. Please pray for her adjustment.
- Because we have been back in the US for 6 months, Abby's Japanese has almost forgotten. Going back to Japan, we will face new adjustments. Plus, next year, in April, Abby will be entering elementary school. There will be a big change. Please pray for her, ask the Lord to help her adapt quickly, and pray that the Lord will provide good classmates and teachers for her. Also, pray for her willingness to learn the Japanese language.
- Although we have finished processing the fingerprints, we still have to wait for a while before receiving the reentry permit. (we can wait in Japan) After the approval, we will get it at the US Embassy in Japan. Please pray for this process will go smoothly.
- Please continue to pray for me and Jennifer's Japanese learning. Due to the pandemic, Japanese language school and community classes were suspended at the beginning of the year. Then, we return to the United States; our language learning was greatly interrupted. Although we continue to learn on the Internet, we must use it in real life to make more progress. Please pray for us so we can continue to improve.



### Financial Update

- Our monthly giving still **in short of \$850 US per month**. We sincerely invite you to prayerfully consider to partner with us, or increase your giving.
- 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**

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