

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'" (John 11:25-26)

Today is the 12th anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake of 311. The phrase in this photo is an imperative verb tense, "protect life!" Today, many people in Japan will again be saddened by the loss of their families and hometowns. There are so many things in this world that are beyond our control and our understanding. In the midst of all this back and forth, people want to protect and hold on to life as best as they can in a humanly possible way. There is a saying on this monument that nothing is more important than life. Since life is so important, no matter how advanced technology is, humanity cannot change the fact that all life will end. The answer is found in the Bible, **"For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23)**. The only way to be free from death is through the words of Jesus, **"I am the resurrection and the life."** Only by trusting in Jesus Christ can we truly overcome death. Many souls in Japan need to hear this only hope for humanity. On this anniversary of the 311 earthquakes, let us once again pray for Japan. Pray for God's comfort to come to the hearts of many. As we think about the earthquake, please also pray for Turkey. We witness a devastating major earthquake in this country. I (Gary) went there for two months for a short-term mission many years ago, and I have pondered if I should go there for a long-term mission. It is a Muslim country, and publicly sharing the gospel is dangerous. Christians are often persecuted on various levels. Please pray for this country and region.



Ministry Update:

- We thank the Lord for leading us to have a good farewell to the church and mission team we are currently serving. We are officially ending our first term of ministry in Japan. We have also confirmed that we will return to the US on March 30 for a home assignment until around the end of July.
- While in the United States, we will be staying at Providence Mission Home, 637 N Mentor Ave, Pasadena 91106.
- We have a full schedule of churches to share in April, but there is still some time in May and June. Welcome to contact us.
- We are scheduled to return to Japan on July 28th and will move next door to the Christian Academy of Japan. This area is located on the border of northwest Tokyo and Saitama Prefecture. (We are now living in the southern part of Tokyo, Kanagawa Prefecture)
- After the move, we will be partnering with another church planting team. Please pray for this new ministry and pairing. Here is the new ministry website <https://www.josuimeguminoie.org/>
- Please continue to pray for our Japanese friends to be able to open their hearts for the gospel, Mrs. M's family, Mrs. O's family, Mrs. N's family.



Family update and prayer request:

- Thank you for your prayers; a supportive church has helped us find a tutor who will help Abby prepare for the transition to English-speaking school. After we return to Japan, Abby will also be attending the same school as Caleb in CAJ. Please pray that her adjustment will go well.
- Please pray that we will have a good body, mind, and spirit rejuvenated during our time back in the U.S. We will report to the mission headquarters (in Colorado) in July for a debrief.
- Thank you for your prayers. At the end of last year, we had the opportunity to return to Taiwan to celebrate my (Gary) dad's birthday. It had been four and a half years since we had seen each other, and it was the first time I met with my nephew (my brother's son). We thank the Lord for keeping everyone safe.



Financial Update

- Due to moving, there will be a one-time special expense for moving and refurbishing the house. The budget is **USD 5000**. Would you please pray and consider supporting us in this need?
- Due to inflation and a decrease in giving, **we are short about \$1030 on the monthly budget**. If the Lord leads you to partner with us financially, please visit the following website to start a donation account or increase your giving. Thank you so much for your partnership. <https://www.worldventure.com/chang4japan>
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