

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19)

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you for your prayers and care. Through your prayers, the Lord has kept us safe and given us an wonderful first home assignment. The past four months have gone by very quickly. We had the opportunity to travel to three states and visit 12 churches. We shared and preached in various churches, fellowships, and small groups. May the Lord move more people to care and understand the Gospel need in Japan, and to join together partnership to reach Japan for Christ.

We have received God's abundant grace and love through all of you. We met with many old friends, supporters, and prayers partner, and we are deeply thankful for everyone's love and blessings. Being able to worship together in a familiar environment and language allowed us to experience once again the warmth and beauty of God's loving family. We believe that in the future, we will join Christians from all over the world and from all nations and people groups to worship and praise before the throne of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This four-month of furlough to the U.S. is actually somewhat short. Traditionally, the general arrangement for missionaries is to spend four years on the mission field and one year of furlough, making a total of five years as a term of service. However, thanks to modern transportation, mission organizations can be more flexible in meeting each family's needs so that we can spread out the furlough in each term. I didn't understand what a furlough meant; why must missionaries return to their home country? Is it a vacation? Our mission agency used the word "home assignment," so it is an assignment, not a vacation.

Though there was a bit of a break back home, the main purpose was to share the vision again. Let more people know and understand the needs of the mission field. It can be said that part of the missionary's task back home is to build bridges.

In **Acts 14:27-28** we saw Paul and Barnabas' home assignment. **"And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they remained no little time with the disciples."** Paul and Barnabas went on a mission trip for a while and then returned to their sending church to share what God was doing among the Gentiles, and they also encouraged more people to join them for the mission. This taught us that missions are not a one-person job nor a challenge a family can handle alone. It is the joint mission of the whole body of Christ.

This time we not only visited churches but also returned to WorldVenture headquarters. We were able to spend time sharing and praying with fellow missionaries. The children could also fellowship with other MKs and share their learning and challenges in a different culture. This time we had about 15 families return to the US for a home assignment. We were able to hear missionaries from Africa, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East share about God's amazing work in various places, which allowed us to understand how great our God is, and He is truly a living God.

God uses His servants everywhere in the world to save lost souls. We have common struggles in facing challenges in life, culture, family, and ministry in a foreign culture, and it shows us that we are not alone and have people who understand and care. It was powerful fellowship and encouragement that we are in this together.

Part of the debriefing is for us to deal with the garbage in our lives, the hurt, the frustration, the doubt, and the fear; we bring them all to the Lord for healing and restoration. Because we are like everyone else, weak sinful humans who need the Lord's grace and guidance constantly.

Like a car driven for a while, it must be repaired and doing maintenance. Missionaries are the Lord's frontline soldiers and need to have regular maintenance as well. Thank the Lord for preparing us for this so we can be restore.

We are returning to Japan tomorrow to start our new journey, a new term, a new team, a move, a new neighborhood, and a new school for our daughter. It all feels like a new beginning. Pray that the Lord will help us hold on to His hand and walk better in this second term.

We thank every brother and sisters in Christ, and the churches for your love, prayers, and financial partnership. We can't repay them all, but we pray that the Lord will be gracious to all of you for your sacrifices, and we believed the Lord will remember the love and encouragement of every one of you, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Ministry Update:

- We will return to Japan on 7/27, arriving in Japan on 7/28, and moving on 8/2. However, because the alleyway into our house is too small, it will take the moving company two days to move, so please pray for all the logistics and safety.
- When I get back, I will have to go to the district office to do various procedures such as moving, insurance renewal, etc., as well as going to the bank and post office to update my information (some banks in Japan cannot do this online, so I have to do it in person). Please pray for the smoothness of all the procedures I have to do. I hope that there will be no problems with communication.
- Although we will be changing ministry teams due to a move, our former partner church Bible study will continue, so please pray for me and the members.
- Here is our new address, 1-2-12 Shinkawa-cho #302, HigashiKurume-shi, Tokyo 203-0013, Matsukawa place. Welcome to contact us.
- This is the website of the new church we'll be joining. <https://www.josuimeguminoie.org/>
- Please pray for our new team and ask the Lord to help us have great fellowship and cooperation!
- Generally, when we return to the field after debriefing, we are advised to do more language study to help us adapt again. We decided to return to the language school for about 6 months. Therefore, there will be an extra cost, although we are not sure about the actual tuition yet, so please feel free to donate for this need.
- Our mission agency organized an Asia region conference for all missionaries in Asia. The conference will be held on October 13-19 in a Southeast Asian country (For security reasons, I cannot show the country name.) with hundreds of participants. This is a triennial missionary retreat where we will learn and understand more about missions in Asia and spiritual renewal. This is a rare event. Please pray for the preparation and safety of this conference. Since this is also a special event, all expenses are not included in our regular budget, which means it is an additional expense. Would you graciously consider giving to this special one-time need? The cost of airfare, hotel, and conference fee for the whole family is **\$4,000**. Thank you for your sacrificial giving.



Family update and prayer request:

- After moving, Abigail will be transferred to the same school as Caleb, CAJ (Christian Academy of Japan). Although it is a Christian school, many students are not Christians. Please pray that we will have the opportunity to get to know some of the families and share the gospel of the Lord with them.
- Abigail had the opportunity to improve her English with the help of a teacher while we were in the U.S. Thank God for that opportunity. Please pray that she will adjust well to the new school.
- Although our children are now attending CAJ, an English-speaking school, we want to encourage them to continue learning Japanese. Although CAJ provides Japanese classes as a second language, I hope and pray that the Lord will motivate them to learn and improve their Japanese so they can enjoy much more living in Japan.
- Please pray for Caleb's gastrointestinal health. We went to see doctors in the U.S. The doctor said it might be irritable bowel syndrome. Still, because there was not enough time to make an appointment with a specialist, we will see the doctor again when we return to Japan for a more in-depth examination, so please pray that we can find a good doctor and the doctor can find out what is going on in his body so that we can have the proper treatment.

Financial Update

- The Lord provided all the **\$5,000** we needed to move through the love of all of you. We are truly thankful for the support of many brothers and sisters and churches.
- We were short over **\$1000** per month in monthly budget, and thanks to everyone's partnership, we are now only short about **\$350** per month. 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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