



Japan Prayer Fuel

November 2016

Christmas is coming

Many churches and missionaries are preparing for Christmas programmes and outreaches now. Some also have Thanksgiving/Harvest outreaches in November. We can pray for the church members as they organise the events but also for family and friends of church members who will be invited to come. Some churches advertise their Christmas programmes as well, pray for good attendance. Here is a list of those who particularly ask for prayer for their upcoming programmes:

- Hiragishi Izumi (Sapporo)
- Sorachi Area Evangelism (rural Hokkaido, north-west of Sapporo)
- Chapel of Adoration (Chiba, next to JHQ)
- Kisarazu Hatazawa (Chiba, across Tokyo Bay from Yokohama)
- Kofu (Yamanashi Prefecture, north of Mt Fuji, west of Tokyo)
- Saitama International (Saitama Prefecture, north of Tokyo)
- Tohoku region (northern Honshu)
- Aomori Fukuin Church (very top of Honshu)
- Hanamaki Megumi have a Harvest Festival on 6th Nov. (northern Honshu, inland)
- Hirosaki Nozomi (northern Honshu)
- Oomagari and Hiraoka (southern Sapporo)
- Vancouver (Canada): outreach to Japanese and others.

MEED

During November OMF Japan holds its first Multiplying Effective Evangelists and Disciples (MEED) training course with 22 participants. MEED is an OMF in-house training consisting of two five-day sessions held a few months apart. The first week focuses on evangelism and the second on discipleship. The course focuses on increasing the participants' confidence and equips them for evangelism and discipleship. Pray it will be an effective course and that all who go will be encouraged and equipped.

Retreats/camps

Getting a good work/rest balance in life is hard in Japan. The culture tends not to support people having a good balance and this pressure affects all who live here. So it's good to see missionaries and others in ministry taking time-out to rest and have spiritual retreats. Pray for all the missionaries in Japan, that they would be

diligent in taking adequate rest and looking after their spiritual health.

The Sector Leader for Hokkaido, Chris Pain, is taking a two-day retreat at the start of the month.

Hokkaido Bible Institute (HBI) Autumn break is 12th to 19th, pray it will be refreshing for all students and staff. HBI also has a two-day retreat from the 14th to the 15th. This year it is open to pastors and missionaries as well. Pray that many will take up this opportunity and be refreshed by it.

Chris Pain isn't just taking a retreat himself, he's speaking at the KGK Graduates' Day Conference on the 19th on work, leisure, and church involvement. Pray for wisdom in what he shares.

A number of regular attenders haven't been coming to Connect International (church plant in Yokohama)'s meetings as regularly as they were because of health, work, etc. Pray for they would be able to overcome these obstacles and come back to Connect.

Pray for Short Term workers to thrive in their walk with Jesus and in their respective ministries.

Aomori Christian Center is hosting a number of camps/retreats in the coming months, pray for preparation and that all who attend would be refreshed and encouraged: Autumn work Camp (Nov. 12), Living English Camp (Dec. 27-29), Kids' Living English Snow Camp (Jan. 4-6), KGK's Aomori-Hakodate student retreat (Jan. 12-14).

It can be difficult for missionary families with small children to get adequate rest. Pray for the families where dads are going to MEED this month. Mums will need an extra dose of strength, patience, and endurance while their partners are away. (Particularly Jo Wong, Tina Figilister, Anna Ayling, and Heike Messer.)

Health

Please continue to pray for our Field Director. The treatment hasn't been as effective as we were hoping for and he has now been admitted into hospital for several months while he is given even more potent chemotherapy as well as a stem cell transplant.

There are others with less dramatic health concerns, please pray for the whole field that God would give us health and strength to do his work.

OMF Japan Prayer Vision

May the Lord give us the 150 full-time workers and 50 others by 2020: OMF Friends and greater than six-month Short-term workers. Pray also for the strength and resources to support and equip them.