



Japan Prayer Fuel

January 2017

Follow-up

Christmas outreaches are over, but now begins the hard work of following up on new contacts and people who showed interest in going further with the messages they heard in December.

Here's some follow-up news from some missionaries we prayed for in December:

- Andrew and Jo (first termers) hosted two Christmas parties. They're thankful for well-received parties and ask for prayer for a kindergarten-mum who's shown interest. Mr T and his wife as well as another lady are also making steps towards Jesus.
- At Hanamaki Megumi (northern Honshu), Wolfgang and Dorothea hosted many Christmas events. They ask for prayer as they follow-up new contacts.
- Hokuei church (Sapporo) had two ladies baptized at Christmas. There were many new faces at various events.

Other requests for prayer for follow-up come from:

- Sorachi Area Evangelism (rural area north of Sapporo): various events were held in the area's churches. They ask for prayer for appropriate follow-up to those who attended.
- Kanagi (northern Honshu): Are thankful for the many activities and events leading up to Christmas. Pray for follow-up.
- Kelly (first termer) gives thanks for an ICU (International Christian University, Tokyo) Christmas party and is praying more students will join the English Bible study.
- More campers than expected came to the winter Living English camps in Aomori Christian Center (northern Honshu). Pray that seeds planted would grow and bear fruit.
- Matt and Jude (first term missionaries) were amazed when a family who came to their Christmas party enthusiastically took home the "Jesus Story Book Bible". Pray for this family.
- Diaspora workers (ministry to Japanese not in Japan) also ask for pray for follow-up in Vancouver and Northern Ireland.

Home assignment

Most years in January, the OMF Japan field holds a two-week training workshop called Pre-home assignment workshop. It is a time when missionaries, who will go on home assignment in the next twelve months, can gather their thoughts on the term they've served, and prepare for the deputation ministry they will undertake amongst their supporting churches in their home countries.

It is an intense time of learning, thinking, writing, and presenting, but an invaluable kick-start to preparation for home assignment. This January (10th-20th) there will be twelve field members from six sending-countries attending, along with three facilitators (one from Taiwan). On top of this several people are involved in providing child-care for three families attending, plus food and accommodation for all. Pray for strength for all.

Half the Kanto sector members will go on home assignment this year. Pray for all the transitions that that represents.

Searching

It always seems that missions are searching for new personnel. OMF Japan homeside is looking for a new Executive Director. CAJ (the Christian Academy in Japan, a missionary school in Tokyo) is looking for a new head of school after the previous one unexpectedly resigned during the summer, too late for a replacement for this school year. Saitama International Church had a pastoral candidate fall through right before Christmas.

Please cover all three leadership positions in prayer, asking for God's provision for the future.

Health

Please continue to pray for our Field Director. He will find out the results of his Dec 28th PET scan on the 4th of January. We're praying that there will be no cancer cells remaining at this time so that the stem-cell transplant planned for the 18th can be a success. He will have another round of strong chemo from the 10th.

CAJ (Christian Academy in Japan): a long-term staff member (not OMFer) with brain cancer has a bleak, but not hopeless prognosis. The doctors have given her one to two years. Her husband is the school's business manager and is grieving as well as trying to continue to work part-time at school.

2020 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.