



# Japan Prayer Fuel

February 2017

## Meetings

Missionaries spend a lot of time in meetings: from evangelistic and pre-evangelistic meetings to administrative meetings. They meet one-on-one with people and in small and large groups. They spend time making connections with non-Christians, church members, pastors, key leaders etc. Meetings in Japan can be long, meandering affairs, they can be totally scripted, and everything in-between. Pray that the meetings our missionaries are a part of this month will further God's kingdom in Japan.

## AGMs

The Japanese financial and school year start in April. Oftentimes the church year does too. Therefore, February/March are AGM seasons as churches plan for the upcoming year.

These churches have especially asked for prayer for their AGMs or member meetings this month:

- Kutchan (rural Hokkaido): there are positive but challenging items on the agenda. Pray for unity and being able to move forward in love.
- Kisarazu Hatazawa (Chiba): is handing over to a new pastor, pray for the members meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Noboribetsu (Hokkaido, south of Sapporo on the coast): 12<sup>th</sup>
- Sendai Izumi Park Town: 19<sup>th</sup>
- Nayoro Grace (rural Hokkaido) 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Sendai Evangelical Christian Church: 26<sup>th</sup>
- Kofu (city west of Tokyo): AGM end of Feb.

## Church/evangelistic meetings

This is probably the most common kind of meeting that church-planting missionaries engage in. Here are some to pray for this month:

- Hirosaki Nozomi (northern Tohoku/Honshu): Valentine Party (11<sup>th</sup>).
- Hanamaki Megumi (northern Honshu): many evangelistic/pre-evangelistic meetings including cooking classes, Kids clubs, Mums and Baby's group.
- Linda (first termer): good response to internet posting of English classes. Pray more will join.
- Edwin and Karen (1<sup>st</sup> termers): ABC Club and Cantonese class.
- Ricky and Winny (1<sup>st</sup> termers): Bible study.

- Matt & Jude (1<sup>st</sup> termers): Language exchange with a family they met at Christmas.
- Vancouver (Canada): English Conversation classes.
- Cambridge (UK): one on one meeting with a doctor for language exchange.
- Northern Ireland: Christianity Explored
- Hiragishi Izumi (Hokkaido): evangelistic Bible study, an evangelistic meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Administrative meetings

These are inevitable in running churches and supervising missionaries. Here are some to pray for:

- Armin (Kanto Sector Leader) has meetings with pastors and missionaries this month, pray for God's grace and leading, especially in talking about new church partnerships.
- Helen (TCK advisor) has enjoyed meeting with families and teens in the Kanto area in January. Pray for all our TCKs to have a deep faith in Christ.
- Chris (Member care and counsellor) is now a member of the Japan Evangelical Missionary Association's Member Care Committee, pray for guidance.
- Chris (Hokkaido Sector Leader) has a meeting (7<sup>th</sup>) between OMF and Japan Evangelical Churches Association about raising gospel workers.
- Sho and Yoko (Executive Director Japan home side): home council meetings 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Pray for guidance.
- Hokkaido Bible Institute has board meetings on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Health

Please continue to pray for our Field Director. Results from the PET scan were good and the stem cell transplant went ahead. Pray for a good recovery with no complications. He'll be in hospital most of February. Pray for his wife juggling family and ministry responsibilities and for their four boys.

CAJ (Christian Academy in Japan): a long-term staff member (not OMFer) has terminal brain cancer. She will go home this month after radiotherapy and chemotherapy. The community has rallied and there is much encouragement. Pray for her husband who continues to work part-time at CAJ as the business manager.

## 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.