



PAUL & MELISSA EWING - Missionaries in Japan

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Dear Friends and Family,

It's been a busy 3 months getting caught back up with ministry, cleaning, organizing, and getting reacquainted with the many people that we minister to and just over all live life with. The boys are still running into past classmates on the train and getting caught up with each other.



Teaching Elijah the trains

The boys have jumped into their life here, Jonah is teaching Elijah the trains and the joy and freedom there is with being able to travel all over Osaka. They are finding their places again at school and, as a junior, Jonah is jumping in as part of the student council helping wherever there is need. Now that both boys are at the same school, and with that, only one school calendar to tackle, we find ourselves making the drive more often to participate in meetings and in order to volunteer.



Jonah coaching the elementary kids



Paul did not have much time for adjusting back as he needed to take over his field director position and leading the Komyo Church. He has had the privilege to attend various conferences in the Tokyo area, learning and fellowshiping with various missionaries. He is also on the JEMA, JBC, and KCS boards, so he is back to juggling various meetings alongside church and mission responsibilities.

In October, we had a great time of fellowship with the JBC youth. They came to our church for a day of teaching, fellowship, and ministry. The morning was spent looking at Matthew 14:22-36, taking a good look at Peter's call to walk on the water with Jesus. We were then challenged to "Just do it, in Christ." After the

PRAISES

- Change of seasons. Love God's colorful creation!
- Our continued adjustment, as it reminds us to rely on God's strength not ours.
- Maturity in Christ. It is a joy to see those involved in church and Bible studies' growing in their faith.
- Noah is doing well. Thankful to family who cheered him on through his soccer season. Noah will be spending Christmas with us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Christmas season events. May the church members invite others and share the love of God as seen in Jesus' birth.
- Komyo Church members as they work out their faith and grow as a family of God.
- That we would find regular times of rest and refreshment despite busy schedules.

"Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created."

James 1:16-18 NIV



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morning, we spent a few hours at the nursing home behind the church, singing and fellowshiping. The youth were blessed and energized seeing that yes, they too can “Just do it”, in doing the good works that God has already prepared for them. (Ephesians 2:10)



JBC Youth Fellowship and Ministry

Yuri and I had the pleasure of spending 24 hours with the JBC pastors’ wives, studying and fellowshiping. Due to location and schedules we often don’t have time to meet and fellowship with one another. This time was a wonderful blessing as we met, studied, and encouraged each other through prayer and conversation. Pray for these wives, many who have given up careers in order to work alongside their husbands and support the church ministry. They desire to see God glorified and see many come to Christ.



Pastors' Wives



Yummy lunch (I miss this in America)

<u>KomyoChristmasSchedule</u>	
12/02	Gospel Café
12/05	Ladies’ card stamping event
12/09	Caroling at the nursing home
12/16	Christmas movie and kids party
12/24	a.m. Fourth Sunday of advent p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service
1/01	New Year’s Day celebration service

Please pray with us over our Christmas schedule. As the church celebrates and remembers that God’s love came to earth in human form, may we bring others along with us to enjoy and be introduced to His love.

Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings to you all. May you all find time to be thankful and to ponder the joy of God’s love during the coming months.

Blessings,

Paul and Melissa