



PAUL & MELISSA EWING - Missionaries in Japan

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Dear Friends and Family,

What a blessing to be part of God's family, knowing that our praises and prayers are heard by our brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as many of you join us in praying for our various requests. We appreciate being in touch with each of you.

As you may have read, we had a wonderful visit with Randy Schmor, discussing various ways to use short-term teams to foster long-term partnerships with churches here in Japan. We spent some meaningful time with Randy as he shared the Gateway Team Leader and Long-term Partnership training. We are also looking forward to having a small team from North Dakota with us this July 27-August 8. They will be joining our ministry at Komyo Church, JBC youth, and at the Chita Nozomi Church with Pastor Kensaku Higashi. We are looking forward to joining together in service for the kingdom.



We continue to use Gospel Cafés, once a quarter, as an outreach into the community. We had a great turn out on March 24, with our church member, Ms. Kyusai being the main performer and look forward to June 16 when we will host another Gospel Café event. As many can understand it takes a lot of energy and time to pull an event together, from finding performers, passing out fliers (10,000), to making baked goods for the event. Please continue to pray for these events to be used by God to draw people from the community and that church members would support the events.

Easter is always a wonderful time in the Christian calendar, as we remember the sacrifice that God made for us and how Jesus asked us to work alongside him for the kingdom. May we proclaim every day the salvation that we have received and share Jesus' love through our actions and words. It is always a special time of fellowship on Easter Sunday as we gather as a family sharing food and joy with one another.

The JBC youth gathered during their school break and again during our annual JBC gathering. As each church has an average membership of 25 people, that means there are usually only 2-3 youth members on average as well. The youth being able to gather as a larger body and encourage one another in faith means a lot. Pray for the youth of Japan, they experience the same troubles as youth in North America but maybe with a greater feeling of isolation as they usually find themselves the only Christians within their class or school grade. Pray for their faith to grow, that their roots would grow deep in God's word, and pray for their parents to speak wisdom and encouragement to their kids. Pray for Christian

PRAISES

- Even though the first Community Governance meeting was hard to understand, after some study I was able to gain understanding of my responsibilities.
- The joy of fellowshipping with the body of God and those who are faithful each week coming to the Komyo Church.
- God who goes before us preparing future situations for us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please be in prayer for all the upcoming events.
- For those attending Komyo Christian Church to understand and take hold of their Christian calling to share Jesus with others and want to serve their community. That their faith would grow deeply into God's word as they share and serve.
- Members of Komyo Church who are sick and experiencing health issues. One family especially who are processing a possibly terminal diagnosis.

“A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” Luke 6:45



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parents to have wisdom on how to challenge their youth to stay faithful to God’s word even while the world is telling them not to.

Next month the school year will end for the boys and we want to express our thankfulness for your prayers and partnership in supporting our boys’ attendance at Kansai Christian School. They have done a great job adjusting back into Japanese life, the one hour and forty-minute commute one way to and from school, and school life overall. The boys work hard balancing academics, activities, and joining us in ministry at Komyo.



April started our year-long experience being a part of the Community Governance Committee. I am thankful to my neighbor who has been helpful by encouraging me and confirming my understanding of my responsibilities. Pray for our neighborhood relationships, that we would see ways to walk alongside others, and opportunities to fellowship, as we strive to bring hope and joy in the lives of our neighbors.



Blessings,
Paul and Melissa



Please Pray

Have you ever felt God tugging at your heart to be a part of international ministry, whether career or short term? There can be many obstacles to saying yes to this tugging. But, if you feel the Spirit pulling at your heart, revealing a leading toward wanting to know more, these obstacles can be overcome. Please contact someone. Talk to your pastor, regional minister, NAB home office, or us directly. We know God is not done with the field of Japan and we are praying that He is calling others to join with us in the work that still needs to be done.

P.S. If you know someone who is not receiving our newsletter or praise and prayer emails, please contact me at japanewing@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Dates for Prayer:	
May 11-14	KCS Junior/Senior trip to Hokkaido – Jonah participating
May 19-20	Pastor Daisuke Okada Seminar and preaching at the Komyo Church
May 14-June 13	Noah travels to Europe for school study program and visiting family
May 27	Butch Hayward Mini-Gospel Workshop at the Komyo Church
June 8	KCS graduation
June 25-29	NAB Missionary Summer Conference for learning and refreshment
July 9-21	Ewing cousin visiting
July 17	Ladies seminar taught by Shan Reed and Yuri Nakano
July 23-August 1	Paul to Triennial and Yuri Nakano leading a group of JBC members to Triennial
July 27-August 8	Washburn Baptist Church (ND) Gateway Team
August 14-16	JBC Youth Gathering