



Paul & Melissa Ewing

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN

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A LENS OF THANKSGIVING

Praise

- God continues to provide and sustain.
- God's unfailing love. The transition process has not been easy, but God's love is sustaining us.
- Family, the season's change, and quiet times.

Prayer

- Continued direction as to next steps. Being obedient in the waiting.
- Time to rest and be still with God.
- Paul will be traveling to Japan November 7–16 to help Yuri and Shan with various administration work for the field.
- Komyo Church as they seek God and ministry opportunities, as well as the JBC for discernment.
- Our missionary team to increase. We are earnestly praying for short- and long-term missionaries.
- For Shan and Yuri as they lead and facilitate various women's ministries throughout the JBC and Kansai area.

But as for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. For you have been my refuge, a place of safety when I am in distress.

*O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge,
the God who shows me unfailing love.*

PSALM 59:16–17 (NLT)

Paul and I continue to visit with various supporting churches. We have also had the opportunity to speak at a mission conference at a non-supporting Eastern Association church, where Paul was the key speaker. It is always exciting to hear and experience others' excitement for missions and the work that God is doing locally and around the world. Paul finishes up our visitation in South Dakota. He will be going to Japan in November to assist Yuri and Shan with various administration activities. Please pray that this time would be productive, with no "hiccups" in accomplishing

what needs to be done. Japan can have multiple levels of bureaucracy, making some things more difficult.

When possible, I travel with Paul and participate in Zoom mission meetings, as well as help with correspondence. God has also provided a job for me in one of the local school districts, which will cover our health insurance once our time with the NAB is over in December. In only God's way, His hand was evident in me receiving this position. We

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feel blessed for this opportunity, which will allow for Paul to rest and discern our next steps.

Our shipment arrived from Japan on October 10 via NYC, the port where the cargo ship entered the US. We are thankful for the company that we contracted with, as they took our belongings through customs and delivered our boxes to my mom's house here in Buffalo. It was so fun interacting with the delivery man in Japanese, and we are thankful for their assistance and Elijah's in carrying our boxes to my mom's basement. When the time comes for us to settle in our own place, it will feel like Christmas as we unpack each box.

We continue to lean into God's everlasting love and His promises that He does have a plan for us and a place He wants us to serve His Kingdom. I'm

thankful for God's whispers, reminding us of His love as we have traveled this journey. Thank you for praying with us, which is an encouragement during this time of waiting. It's good to know we have so many brothers and sisters supporting us and walking with us.

During this season when we pause to remember to be more thankful, may it spur us to change our perspective to always be thankful.



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