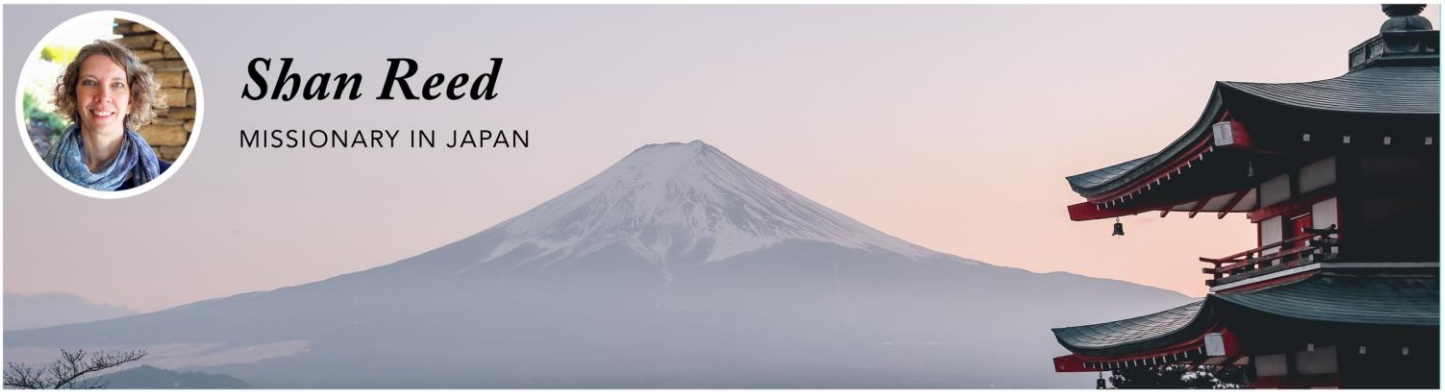




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BECOMING A PEOPLE OF PEACE

Praises

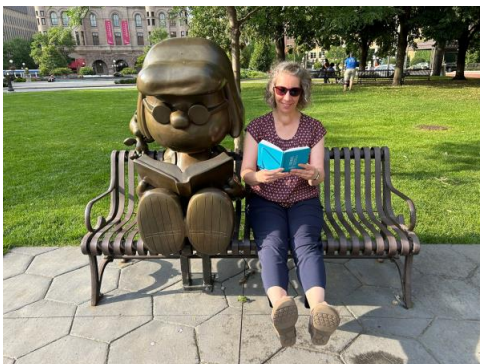
- Praise the Lord for Jesus Christ our savior, through whom we have peace with God.
- Praise God for the way he continues to encourage the women of the Japan Baptist Conference to draw near to him through our times of study together.
- Praise God for a refreshing trip to the US for summer vacation and to attend the NAB Triennial Conference.
- Praise the Lord for deepening relationships with my former neighbors and for their help with clean up and packing after my Christmas Eve fire.

Prayer

- Pray for God's work in and through Komyo Christian Church that we will shine the light of Jesus to those around us.
- Please pray for me as I begin my 'lasts' in preparation for my return to the US.
- Pray for Christians in Japan to bring the peace of Christ with them into every area of their lives and influence.
- Please pray for Yuri and me as we continue leading ladies' seminars around the JBC. Pray for the ladies to grow in their love for Jesus, in their joy in him, and in their unity as sisters.
- Pray for the youth of Komyo and Kongo churches, as well as the whole JBC, to desire to walk closely with Jesus each day.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

MATTHEW 5:9 (NIV)



Reading outside the St. Paul public library.

The theme for the NAB Triennial Conference this year was "Becoming a People of Peace." I was encouraged, inspired, and challenged as I heard stories of how God is working around the world, in and through the NAB, to bring peace to individuals, families, churches, and schools through listening, prayer, kindness, and humility. I appreciated seeing many of you after many years, as well as making new friends from around the world. If you would like to hear the evening messages and be encouraged also, visit www.nabtriennial.com.



Before the Triennial Conference, I was able to spend some time in South Dakota and Minnesota with family and friends. I enjoyed hikes and drives (only driving on the left side of the road once!), watching sunsets, eating lots of delicious food, and having many conversations. Thank you all for your hospitality!

The evidence of a fire in my former condo has been considerably reduced. It looks beautiful with new wallpaper and flooring, as well as a new kitchen. Before it was officially put on the market, I invited my neighbors and friends who helped me clean and pack to come see the renovations and have a little tea party, on the floor. Although I had casual relationships with my neighbors before the fire,



God has provided opportunities for these relationships to deepen. I have enjoyed getting to know these women and their families, even getting to hold a new grandchild while I had tea with his grandmother! I am praying that the peace of Christ in me will be evident and attractive to

my friends.

Yuri and I continue to have the opportunity to study God’s word with ladies around the JBC. Since my last newsletter, we have been to two churches and will have seminars about once a month in the next quarter, also. Sometimes there are several churches who join for a seminar, which gives us quite a large number of participants who have discussions in small groups around tables. Sometimes just one church gathers, which means we often have discussions all together. Either way, I love hearing the women talk about God and his Word, teaching and encouraging one another.

Soli Deo Gloria,

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The youth group we started in 2020 with the four students from Komyo Church and Kongo Church has also recently been attended by friends from Heijo Church in Nara. In June, we had a bowling night, where I was reminded of the privilege I had of a bowling unit in junior high P.E. class. Even though our scores were low, everyone got at least one strike, and we had lots of laughs. In August, we will join youth from around the JBC for our summer camp. Since it will be my last one, I was asked by the committee to be the speaker. I am praying the students will be filled with the peace of Christ and learn to be people of peace in their schools, homes, and places of work.

God continues to fill Yuri and me with his peace as we walk through this time of transition in Japan. As we continue filing paperwork with the government here, we wait patiently for the process to be completed. My desire is to finish well in Japan and visit all my supporting churches before I make big decisions about my next steps in ministry. Thank you for walking this journey with me, for your encouragement, prayers, and even ideas for future ministry possibilities.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

