

Preparing to be an OMF Missionary in Japan from Feb 2025

Be Joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer - Rom12:12

← *希望をもって喜び、苦難を耐え忍び、たゆまず祈りなさい。ローマ12:12*

Well, things are starting to get real now!! As OMF has officially accepted me as an 'Appointee' and I have their support and blessing to be sent to work with them in Japan!! My profile page is as follows: <https://omf.org/au/worker/wendy-cumberworth/>

But firstly, a lot happened in September, there are a number of answers to prayer!

Praise God that I was able to move into my new furnished temporary apartment, with much cheaper rent, that God made provision of just at the right time. It is a real blessing. Very cosy, the perfect location and has everything I need!

Praise God that I was able to complete the Connect Training with OMF at their offices. It was a time of equipping for this part of the journey and for the journey ahead. We were blessed to hear and gain wisdom from experienced missionaries and OMF staff. I also really enjoyed spending time with them over lunch and morning teas.



I also attended my church, The Well Church's retreat, in Katoomba and was able to share with them about my heart for Japan, my journey so far and upcoming preparation to go to Japan with OMF. I'm so thankful for their warm response and their week-to-week fellowship and support.



Other things in September

When I get the chance, I also like to go Sydney Japanese Evangelical Church (SJEC) on Sunday afternoons. On the last Sunday in September, when attended for the first time in a while, I especially enjoyed singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" in Japanese. Very meaningful in this season!.

Then after the service, we had a Gyoza (Japanese dumpling) party where we made, cooked and ate Gyoza together!! It was such a fun time and so great to eat home-cooked Japanese food together! A seeker A-san, who has been attending a church in Tokyo that I have a connection with, was able to join us also. She is here on a Working Holiday for a year. She has not found a job yet and is still on the journey towards salvation.



Financial Update

I praise God for each of you who has felt that God has been stirring your heart to partner financially towards enabling me to do ministry in Japan next year. I am continuing to trust God to provide for all my needs in the future.

*I am also so thankful for each one of you who has been partnering in prayer so faithfully to pray for me in this preparation stage and in future ministry. **Would you please pray with me for God to keep raising up new financial partners, so that I can meet my financial support deadline in Early December, in order to go to Japan in February for my first 4-year term of service with OMF?***

Regular financial pledges are counted each month and towards the year's goal and one-off donations are spread out across time periods.

If you would like to partner with me financially, please visit: <https://omf.org/au/giving/>

**God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply.
- Hudson Taylor (OMF founder)**

For those in Sydney: I will be interviewed at the following event.



For those interested in mission and/or supporting mission. For those not in NSW. Check OMF in your country/state for similar events. <https://omf.org/>

Other Prayer Points:

- *Pray for continued provision of partners to join and support this ministry*
- *Pray for all the medical checks to be completed in a timely manner with nothing of concern.*
- *Pray for upcoming discussions with the OMF Japan field to confirm my role and ministry there and some logistical details.*
- *Pray for continued ongoing personal provision and support during this preparation season, where there is a large amount of uncertainty.*
- *Pray for A-san to get a job and that she would take the next step to make Jesus her Saviour.*
- *Pray for Japanese believers to be willing and able to use their gifts to build up the church and reach out to their communities.*

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Please let me know how I can be praying for you too!!

Love and God bless,

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