

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

This month has involved communications and setting things up as a missionary, in preparation to go to Japan.

Firstly, some answers to prayer:

Praise God for “Japan Clearance”. After a good online meeting with OMF Japan, they have confirmed my official acceptance for ministry working with a Japanese Church and overseeing the Tokyo Campus of the Training school. Leaving for orientation in Feb 2025 (pending Medical clearance and meeting my financial support(1 year) target by 9th Dec) !!

Praise God For some initial financial partners who have given donations and/or regular pledges!! God bless you for joining in God's work in Japan, outworked, by his grace, through me!!

Oct events and talks:



Morisset Uniting Church Talk – I was blessed to have the opportunity to share my vision for ministry in Japan with my parent's church in a lovely special service focussed on Missions. I am thankful for their encouraging response and their prayers and interest.



The Well Church talk – I also had the opportunity to share again at my own church, following up from

my previous talk at the retreat. Again, I'm thankful for the prayers, encouragement and support from everyone there.



Heart for Asia – I also had a great time being interviewed at this OMF event for those interested in missions and supporting missions, with a focus on Taiwan and Japan. It also was a chance for me to get to know people connected with OMF better, as well as other missionaries back on home assignment and those also preparing to go, like myself. I was so pleased to be able to meet Edna in person, through whom I was introduced to OMF in 2021 through her online talk to a group I was part of, about her missionary work with prostitutes in Taiwan.

Prayer meetings for Japan -

These are held in various states (usually online), where they pray for Japan and for various missionaries there. I was able to attend the QLD and Vic one to introduce myself and get to know the amazing people with a heart for Japan who faithfully pray each month.

I was also able to attend the NSW one again in person at SMBC (Sydney Missionary and Bible College) and have dinner with some of the students and a tour around, as well as chatting with and hearing a talk from the Sinclairs, CMS Missionaries, who work in Tokyo with University Students and were back on home assignment.

If you would like to join any of the Prayer meetings (There's also one in WA, which I have yet to attend), please let me know and I can connect you.

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. You are going with me in this ministry. God bless you!! I am continuing to trust God to provide for all my needs now and 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. I am only able to go and minister in Japan along with a faithful team of partners to partner in prayer and/or through financial support.

I am very thankful for the regular pledges and donations that have been received so far and I currently have 25% of my financial target of 1 year living/ministry expenses!! However, I need to meet 100% by 9th of December before I can be cleared to leave for Japan in February (otherwise the next orientation is in July). It's a short turn-around, but I believe God is able to provide for that which is his will and for his perfect timing.

Would you please pray with me for God to keep providing financial partners, so that I can meet my financial support deadline by 9th December, to leave for Japan in February, for my first 4-year term of service with OMF (God willing)?

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

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

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all!

Other Prayer Points:

- *Pray for continued provision of financial partners to join and support this ministry so that the goal of 100% financial support target can be met in the next month, by the 9th December deadline, to be cleared to go in February 2025.*
- *Pray for all the medical check-related paperwork to be finalised in a timely manner.*
- *Pray for continued ongoing personal provision and support during this preparation season of much uncertainty and with much to be done. For wisdom, faith and trust and for a deep peace from God.*
- *Pray for Churches in Japan as they plan and prepare Christmas outreach events, as a great opportunity to tell people the real meaning of Christmas and about Jesus.*

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

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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