

Hi everyone, including those who are new to following this prayer letter! Welcome!

Thank you to those who have been praying and to those who have recently given pledges and donations, and also in the past!

Since the beginning of the year, I have been blessed to be able to take part in a number of church and Japanese-related events. And at the same time, since the owner of the place I'm staying has returned from overseas, we are getting used to sharing her place together. It is a blessing that she is still happy to have me in her place until I leave and she also very much has a heart for missions. Practically, it has also meant that the rent has gone down again, and bills are now shared, so that helps a lot too.

The Well Church – Re-launch and Installation of Rev Elliot Ku



We had a powerful and emotional service for our Re-launch and the Installation of Rev Elliot Ku. We had many guests from the PCA Presbytery, Elliot's family and friends, those who had previously been part of The Well Church, as well as other supporters.

It was an emotional time as we looked back to how God has sustained the church through quite a challenging history and as we give thanks for God's generous provision in this new season and look forward to what God is going to do in the future.

Picnic for those with a heart for Japan to know Jesus



A group of about 15 of us, current or former missionaries, preparing for mission, are interested in perhaps going on mission in the future or supporting missionaries (from a number of different missions groups) got together for a picnic in Ryde Park. We enjoyed getting to know each other better, praying for Japan and each other and sharing food together.

SJEC Retreat 2025



I was blessed to join Sydney Japanese Evangelical Church (SJEC) for their yearly retreat last weekend at Youthworks in the Royal National Park.

We had sessions, with worship and followed by discussion groups, by Kohei (a Bible college student at SMBC) from Philippians 2 about serving God joyfully through unity IN CHRIST and remembering how he came to serve us. And then also enjoyed board games, swimming in the pool, bush walking, roasting marshmallows and group games.

It was a great way to get to know each other better and just enjoy time together. There were around 65 adults and 20 kids.

Financial Update

I continue to 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. As I am going as a long-term missionary with a missions organisation, all my living and ministry support needs to be provided by God through financial partners who feel called to regularly support me financially, so that I am able to go and live and do ministry in Japan, to help the 99% who don't know Jesus, hear about and hopefully come to know him. And as well, through the prayers of prayer partners, as it is only God who works in the lives and hearts of Japanese people I may have the opportunity to meet and talk to, as well as giving me personally the strength, wisdom and grace to serve him there everyday.

56% of the financial support goal (of pledges for 1 year living/ministry expenses in Tokyo), needed before I can leave for Japan, has been reached!.

Would you please pray with me for God to keep providing financial partners, joining with pledges of regular financial support, so that I can leave by July 2025, for my first 4-year term, with full support to sustain me (at least for the first year)? The deadline for me to have 100% of the support pledges is the end of April 2025.

Pledges of regular financial support are counted towards the year's financial goal and one-off donations are spread out across the terms and used for other incidental costs and moving costs etc.

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!

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

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 by the end of April, so that I can leave for Japan in July 2025.*
- *Give thanks for the new beginning for my church. The Well Church and continue to pray as we move forward together.*
- *Give thanks for an amazing time at the SJEC Retreat. Pray for this church to grow together in unity and reach Japanese people in Sydney (especially the North Shore)*
- *Give thanks for and pray for continued ongoing personal provision and support until I leave. And for me to be able to navigate this first half of the year well, according to God's will.*
- *Pray for Japanese people to know the ONE loving God of the Bible and the universe, who can give them a purpose and secure future with Jesus, who is alive and hears and answers our prayers.*

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

Love and God bless,

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