

Hi everyone,

Welcome to those who are joining this Prayer letter for the first time and apologies to everyone else for the silence over the past couple of months. I have been on a journey to work out where God would have me live next, and then after the move, getting used to new rhythms in a brand new area (for me).

New place to live

God has graciously provided a studio Granny flat to live in (until November) on the Sydney North Shore, closer to the Japanese community in Sydney and the SJEC (Syd Japanese Evangelical Church) Community. The owners of the Granny Flat have a heart for missions and to help missionaries, connected through SJEC's parent church, Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church (NCAC). I was blessed with help for the move from church friends from both churches, and it went very smoothly. It is a beautiful place to live, and I am very thankful for God's provision!! Picture (right) of the quiet suburban street.



I am still driving over to Olympic Park to The Well Church on Sunday mornings and on Friday nights to its Growth Group (Bible study) in Burwood. I have joined a new Japanese SJEC Bible Study in Crows Nest.

Progress and timeline update

It is exciting that the % of my financial support figure raised is still increasing and is now at around 65%. I am very thankful to all those who have pledged so far, and are on the journey with me! As I am for those who have been praying, too! We are on track to believe to reach the 100% target by the End of August, so that I can leave in November this year. Please pray for wisdom and continued guidance for relationships and partnerships with individuals and churches over the next couple of months.

Japanese Ministry opportunities

Over the past couple of weeks at the SJEC church there have been a few young Japanese seekers who have visited through other connections. They have requested help from us to connect them to churches in their area back in Japan, as they return soon. Myself and others have been able to introduce good Bible-believing churches, which they seem excited to try. Please pray that they actually find the courage to try the recommended churches and don't get distracted, and can find community and grow further in their knowledge of the Bible and God's love for them.

Last Sunday night, I had the opportunity to sit with 2 of the seekers during the SJEC worship service. The message (in Japanese) was on Daniel 9, which I thought might be quite difficult for them. But they listened and followed with interest, and after the message, I had the opportunity to answer questions from one of the girls about the sermon message and to re-explain to them the connection between the passage and Jesus's forgiveness of our sin through the Cross, in Japanese. The other girl commented that she was moved by the fact that Daniel prayed for Jerusalem, as she rarely sees people act selflessly like that!! Which, of course, also was able to connect back to Jesus' sacrifice.



After that, myself and a SMBC (Syd Missionary and Bible College) student took them out to eat a "Roast Beef Dinner" at a local eatery. And we were able to have further conversations about our favourite Bible passages, and I was able to give testimony about my current journey to be a missionary and trusting

God for his provision and guidance. It was a very blessed time! Please PRAY for A and Y that they would go to church in Japan, keep reading the bible and are able to make a decision to follow Jesus!!

Financial Update

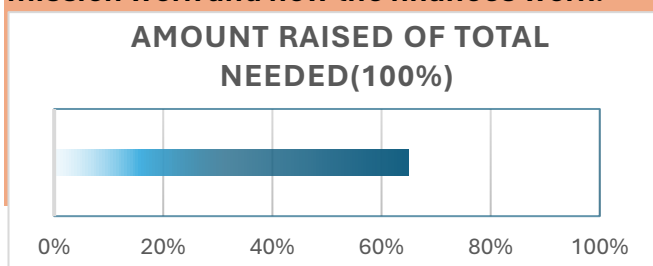
Thank you so much to all who have partnered with me financially by pledging regular monthly amounts so far, according to what they are able to give, so that I have around 65% of the pledges that I need. I will be on a 'religious activity' visa in Japan, which does not allow me to work for a salary there. So, to do mission work in Japan, I need to have financial partners to regularly invest in the kingdom work, to sustain my life and ministry there. **I hope to be able to now have 100% of the amount needed pledged by the END OF AUGUST DEADLINE, so that I will be able to leave now in November.**

Please pray for people, who are able, to consider how they may be able to play a part in this ministry by financial partnership with this exciting mission to tell the good news of the Gospel to those in Japan, to the many many who have never had a chance to hear it before! For those unable to give financially at this time, I am so appreciative of your continued prayers and they will also help sustain me in my ministry!

Pledges of regular financial support are counted towards the year's financial goal and one-off donations are spread out across the first 4-year term 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/> For those outside Australia, please contact me for ways to pledge through OMF in your country and currency.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all about Japan, my mission work and how the finances work!



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 AUGUST**, so that I can leave for Japan in November 2025.
- Give thanks for a great new place to live in a new area. Please pray as I get used to knowing my way around and that I make the most of the opportunities I have here to connect with the Japanese community around this area.
- Give thanks for SJEC community and Japanese outreach in Sydney. Please pray for the 3 seekers mentioned above. For them to go to church, to continue to understand the Bible and to make a decision to follow him.
- Give thanks for and pray for continued ongoing personal provision and support. Please pray for wisdom for relationships, partnerships and guidance and provision over the next couple of months coming up to the next deadline.

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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