

Hi everyone,

A belated Happy New Year! I can't believe it's the end of February already.

Thank you again so much for all your support last year in various ways. Practical help, encouragement, prayer and financial support. Praise God that I have now reached 83% of my financial support target!!

We are now believing that I may be able to make it to OC(Orientation in Singapore) in July 2026 and then to Japan. I am trusting God for the last 17% to be provided by early May in order for me to go then, if that is his perfect timing.

Discussions with OMF Japan need to be revisited to discuss again how I will best serve in Tokyo. I am trusting that God will place me just where he wants me to be.

Now to some other updates over the summer:

### **Christmas with family(but looking different)**

I was able to spend some extended time staying with Mum at the end of last year, it was a good time of quality time for both of us.

Christmas looked a little different this year with our new family dynamic, but was very blessed. My (previously estranged) adopted brother Nigel came up with his dog on Christmas Eve, and we went to visit Dad at Avondale House for our 'Christmas visit' with him. There had already been many Christmas activities and events there over December with the other residents there, and they were all looking forward to a special Christmas Day lunch menu of a Roast Turkey Dinner, which is what we usually eat and what Dad loves!



Nigel came to Mum's church with us on Christmas morning. It was his first time in church for a long time. He enjoyed the service and expressed interest in finding one in Sydney closer to where he lives. I helped him find some potential ones to visit. Please pray that he has the courage to do so and finds one that is willing to do the journey with him and include him in community there.

The 3 of us ate a Christmas meal together and exchanged some small presents etc. Nigel hasn't had a family Christmas like this for a very long time and was quite touched by it. We were happy to finally have him back, even though Dad wasn't able to be with us at home.

### **JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) exam**

Thank you for your prayers for the exam. Thankfully, I was able to pass it!! It has given me more confidence in using Japanese.

### **SJEC (Sydney Japanese Evangelical Church)**

Our new minister, David McIntyre has now started and we are getting to know him, his wife Beck and his teenage children. We are thankful for them and looking forward to what the future holds for SJEC.

The Thanksgiving Service for Grahame and Cathy Smith, as they retire, is this Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Heart for Asia**



I will be giving an update talk at this event on Sat Mar 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you plan to be there so that I can look out for you.

Please let me know how I can be praying for you too!!

Love and God bless,

### Prayer Points:

- Thankful for continued personal provision and especially for accommodation. For a blessed Christmas with family and also, that I passed the JLPT exam.
- Praise God for funds raised so far! Pray for continued provision of regular financial partners to join and support this ministry so that the goal of 100% financial support can be reached, in God's perfect timing.
- Pray for discussions with and within OMF Aus/Japan regarding how I will serve in Tokyo.
- Pray for Nigel to have the courage to go to a church that will continue to journey with him and where he can find community.
- Pray for SJEC as Dave and Beck McIntyre and family settle in and for the Thanksgiving service to be a blessed one on March 1.
- Pray for a Japanese Summer Festival Outreach being held in Sydney this Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- Pray for continued personal provision and guidance as I continue to wait for God's perfect timing to leave for Japan.

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### 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 now have 83% 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 in God's timing, possibly for the early May deadline in order to leave in July 2026.**

**Please pray for people and churches, who are able, to consider how they may be able to play a part in this ministry by financial partnership with a regular pledge of financial support 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!**

AMOUNT RAISED OF TOTAL  
NEEDED(100%)

