

Hi everyone,

Thank you again so much again for all your prayer and financial support. Praise God that there have been some new partners and contributions over the past few weeks **but I still am under 90% of the goal I need to reach by Mon May 11th**, in order to have clearance to go to OC (Orientation in Singapore) in July 2026 and then to Japan.

Easter

I once again spent time with Mum for about a week, helping her with some things and for some quality time together. Nigel (adopted brother) also came up for a couple of days and it was another good time getting to know each other again. He again came to Mum's church and enjoyed it. We visited Dad together, and he seemed very happy and has really settled in to his nursing home now, enjoying it with the other residents and staff, as well as the activities!

OMF Conference

I was able to join the OMF National Conference for part of the time last weekend. It was a lovely time meeting together with former missionaries, missionaries back on home assignment, OMF staff from all around Australia, those on the journey towards mission (such as myself), and those interested in mission or supporting and praying for missionaries.

Living situation this year

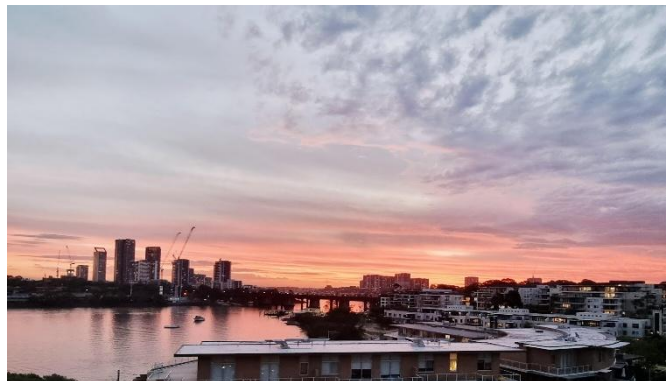
Since the beginning of the year I have been living in a share house in Meadowbank. I have been using the room of a Thai friend, May, who was home visiting her sick mother initially. I was staying in her room for a very reduced rent. Then she came back for a few weeks (and she stayed in the lounge), she insisted I that I still stay, as she was leaving to join the Australian Navy. I was able to go and drop her off in Parramatta at the ADF headquarters and join her initiation ceremony.



She is now away in Melbourne for 10 weeks training. We were able to have a few good conversations about God and Church. She has been exposed to Christianity and church before during the time she's been living in Australia and her heart seems quite open. I am praying that she will find a good Christian community through the Navy.

The other flatmate (apartment owner) is an Aussie man, who has his 14yo son come and stay every 2nd weekend. He is quiet, respectful and easy to live with. After I was away for Easter, he told me that he and his son had attended a local Church at Easter, that his ex-neighbour attends. Praise God that he has been working in the hearts of my non-christian flatmates while I have been living there, and that they have been a blessing to me.

I am also blessed that the apartment has a beautiful view of the Parramatta river, which brings much enjoyment of Gods creation.



Structure of Japanese Society

The picture on the following page was recently posted on a Facebook group I follow.

It shows the challenges that Japanese people face in terms of taking risks, standing out and the strong societal pressure from the family to continue the traditions, such as Ancestor Worship, and not to 'rock the boat' or do anything apart from the family group. This is especially true if they are the older son, who are expected to lead the family forward, in the future, in the 'Japanese' (Shinto and Buddhist related) family traditions. It makes it hard for Christians who want to obey the bible and 'worship the Creator God only' and make a stand for Jesus in their life.

The Structure of Japanese Society



Well, that’s about it for this month!

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

Love and God bless,

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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, of whatever amount they’ve decided with God to give. **I still have under 90% of the pledges that I need.** These funds will become a monthly allowance for life and full-time ministry in Japan. **I hope to be able to now have 100% of the amount needed pledged, for the Mon 11th May deadline in order to leave in July 2026, if that is God’s timing for me this time.**

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 directly counted towards the year’s financial goal % that I need to meet to leave for Japan. ‘One-off donations’ are spread out across the first 4-year term and only ¼ is counted towards the goal, they are used for other incidental costs and moving costs etc.

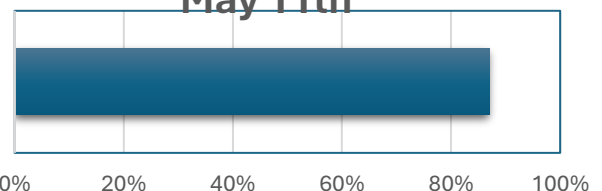
If you would like to partner with me financially, please

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%) by May 11th



Prayer Points:

- *Thankful for continued personal provision, especially for accommodation and blessed church families at both churches.*
- *Praise God for the funds raised so far and new partners for this mission recently! Pray for provision of more financial partners of regular pledges to join and support this ministry so that the goal of 100% financial support can be reached by this May, if that is God's timing.*
- *Pray for my Thai flatmate, May, as she adjusts to life in the Navy and to find a Christian community there and come to faith in Jesus.*
- *Praise God! Nigel did attend a local church. Pray that he'll have the courage to keep going and build relationships there.*
- *Pray for continued personal provision and guidance as I continue to wait for God's perfect timing to leave for Japan.*
- *Pray for The Well Church as we seek God for a larger, more permanent place to meet together, as the church has already pretty much grown (both in number and in our faith) out of our current rented space.*
- *Pray for SJEC as we continue to adjust to this new season of leadership and community.*

Upcoming Events:

Weekly Fri– The Well Church weekly Growth Group (Bible Study)

Weekly Wed – SJEC Weekly Japanese Bible Study

May 11th Tues – Final deadline for 100% of financial target to go to Japan in July

May 15th- 17th Weekend – The Well Church Retreat

May 26th Tues – OMF 'Mission Steps' Night (for anyone interested in perhaps taking steps towards going on mission in some way), Epping Offices