

Hi everyone,

Thank you again so much again for all your prayer and financial support!

Clearance granted!!

Great news! Praise God that I was able to get financial clearance to attend the OMF Orientation(OC) at its Headquarters in Singapore in July and then on to move to Japan for my first term of 4 years!!!

After OC, I will initially spend 6 months in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. I will be at the OMF Language and Culture Centre(JLCC). (I will share more information about this in future prayer letters). After that, I will be assigned to work with a Japanese Church to help with the ministry there.

Trip to Perth

I grew up in Perth going to WPC(Westminster Presbyterian Church), Bullcreek. Some very good friends from that church have kindly organised a short trip back to Perth so that I can share about my mission with old friends, from when I lived in Perth. and also with those newer to the church who do not know me.

There will be a number of gatherings and perhaps a visit to the Japanese Church in Perth also. I hope to also catch up with some very good friends from another church, who have been supporting me on this journey. The OMF State Leader in Perth, David Liaw, whose wife is also a friend of 2 of my good friends, has been very supportive and hopes to also join in some of the gatherings.

It will be so great to be able to catch up with everyone and share about my mission before I leave for Japan. I am so thankful for all the support I already have there and look forward to more people partnering with mission in some way.

Preparations to move/leave

Suddenly things have become busy with meetings with Japan to discuss logistics and preparation for arrival, preparing documents for the visa application and having a medical review(since it is already 1 ½ years since my initial one). As well as preparations for my trip to Perth and organising catch-ups with people before I go.

Commissioning Service

As shown in the timeline below, the Commissioning Service as a missionary with OMF to Japan and as sent by my church The Well Church will be held on Sun June 21st as part of the normal Sunday Church service there.

Time: 10:30am

Location: ACPE(Australian College of Physical Education), 2nd floor. Undercover parking available below.

All are welcome. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I can look out for you!

Timeline until departure

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

Weekly Wed – SJEC Weekly Japanese Bible Study

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

May 28th Thurs to June 2nd Tues – Trip to Perth. Visit to WPC Bullcreek June 1st.

June 21st Commissioning Ceremony (see above for details)

June 28th Morisset Uniting Church Visit – LAST service

July 5th The Well Church and SJEC LAST service

July 8th Singapore Orientation(OC) starts

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

Love and God bless,

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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 in order to reach the initial financial target for me to leave for Japan! Pray for continued provision of partners for this journey!*
- *Pray for the trip to Perth, for the preparation for gatherings. And for a blessed time with old and new friends and as I share at various gatherings.*
- *Pray for logistics and preparations as I prepare to leave. Medical review, Visa, other administrative processes and procedures. Please pray for my time management, that I can have rest in between all the tasks and appointments too.*
- *Pray as I start finishing up my life in Sydney, with family, friends and churches. For blessed catch ups and quality time.*

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. **My living and ministry in Japan is wholly funded by generous support of people and churches partnering with me in this mission in Japan.***

***Please pray for people and churches, who are able, to continue to consider how they may be able to play a part in this ministry by financial partnership with a regular pledge of financial support, to enable me 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 used towards my regular living and ministry allowance. 'One-off donations' are spread out across the first 4-year term or 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!