



Prayer News Bulletin

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“You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand on me.” (Psalm 139:5)

Dear Friends

Just before I started to write this prayer letter, there was an amazing thunderstorm. Right now it feels like we are in the middle of a metaphorical thunderstorm here in Japan. We definitely need your prayers.

OMF News

Thanks for praying for the Honshu conference. It was great to meet in person and the covid restrictions didn't get in the way too much. The Hokkaido conference is taking place from **9-11th** in a youth hostel north of Sapporo. I am heading up to Sapporo from **6-13th** to meet with various people as well as attend the conference. In addition to the new workers who arrived recently, we have now confirmation that another 13 new long- and medium-term members and 11 children will arrive in Japan over the next couple of months. This is all great...

... but we are also dealing with a significant personnel crisis at the moment, which has far reaching effects. Two of us are currently involved more than full-time on it, with others also helping out significantl. The circumstances and information change constantly and we often need to make very quick decisions. We have had some very difficult conversations in Japanese as part of this and are likely to have some more in the coming days and weeks. This might continue for some time yet.

Please pray:

- ✚ For blessing on the Hokkaido conference and that it will be a really good time of fellowship.
- ✚ That we can put on the Lord's armour each day and know His wisdom and enabling in the current crisis. May He be working in the hearts of all those involved.
- ✚ That I can keep up with other work in the meantime and/or find others who can help take some things on. The main person who helps with our social media is off for 6 weeks and I am meant to be covering for her, as well as covering parts of the TCK (Third Culture Kids) Advisor role and helping oversee transitions in our Serve Asia (short-term) programme, in addition to my usual responsibilities. May God provide good solutions.
- ✚ For all the new folks coming to Japan, and wisdom as we deal with applications from several others. Some applications are a little unusual.

Family News

Matthew returned to Scotland and is going to India for a final visit to Hebron School and various places and people he knew from his 7 years in India. We had a good week's break and enjoyed some of the variety of Japan's scenery, food and culture. **Calum** hopes to come back early July for a month. Please pray for:

- ✚ Ongoing good communication with the “boys” and opportunities to speak into their lives.

Church News

I haven't heard from Saika in Canada recently. My last meeting with the pastor's wife was interrupted by the current crisis. We hope to meet again on the **10th**. I am now at chapter 5 of Galatians 5 in the weekly devotions I write. Please pray:

- ✚ For Saika in Canada to find a good church and Christian fellowship;
- ✚ For wisdom for church leadership as covid restrictions start to relax ever so slightly;
- ✚ That God would encourage and challenge church members through the devotions that I and the two church leaders write.

*With love and prayers
Lorna, Calum and Alistair*