



# Prayer News Bulletin

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*"If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)*

Dear Friends

Japan is holding a general election today. The same party has been in power for about 62 of the last 66 years and the main question is whether they will have an outright majority or not. Some of the opposition parties are asking for tighter border controls, but with the number of covid cases extremely low at the moment, we are hoping that the new government will start to reopen the borders this month. Please pray with us and for all the workers waiting to enter the country.

## OMF News

On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have a meeting to consider the application papers of new candidates. On the 8<sup>th</sup> we have a members' meeting when we will have a refresher on child safety. This can be challenging in Japan which is much more relaxed about child protection issues, though awareness is gradually growing. The Field Leadership Team meets from 15-17<sup>th</sup>. Then from the 29<sup>th</sup> for 3 days I will be involved in facilitating a second round of the crisis management training, this time in the evening in Japan to hit different time zones. Please pray:

- ✚ For wisdom and the Lord's leading in each of the meetings;
- ✚ That we can find people to help support families once our TCK (Third Culture Kid) Advisor finishes that role at the end of the year.

## Family News

**Daniel** got all his paperwork done for his work permit and is now looking for somewhere to rent in Bangkok. He is also starting some Thai classes. **Calum** continues to face various frustrations in both his academic courses and football. **Alistair** has to collate all the paperwork he needs for his University application and submit it in the next week. He then has an interview on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We are also still waiting to hear the result of his loan application. **Matthew** is learning to drive, thanks to a friend in Glasgow. 3 missionary friends invited me to join them on holiday when they go to Ishigaki, a Japanese island in the south. I will join them from the 19-26<sup>th</sup>. Alistair seems happy to have the house to himself for a week! Please pray for:

- ✚ Christian friends and fellowship for Daniel, Calum and Alistair in particular, and for perseverance for Calum.
- ✚ Alistair's University application process to go smoothly. He'll get the results on 1 December.
- ✚ A refreshing break and good fellowship in Ishigaki.

## Church News

The youth groups meets at my house again on the 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope all three can come. I am looking at possible studies I could do with S and hope to be able to raise it with her soon. An OMF colleague works with a Christian homeless ministry which is organising collections of winter clothes. I was pleased that my church agreed to be involved, and I now have several boxes of things to deliver. One lady even told her non-Christian friend about it who then came along to the church to donate various things. It is not that common for Japanese churches to get involved in social issues, so I hope that this has been an encouragement for church members. It certainly got various conversations going. With low case numbers I am hoping that some local friends (Mums of Calum's football friends) will be willing to meet up again. I also hope to meet up again with a Christian lady whose family are in an exclusive church and object to her marrying a Christian from another church. Please pray:

- ✚ For the 3 members of the youth group and in particular for S's salvation;
- ✚ For inspiration as to what book of the Bible to write devotions about after I finish Jonah this month. I am thinking Galatians, but this would be quite a challenge to do in Japanese!
- ✚ That the church can find helpful ways to be involved in society, which would in itself be a witness to the surrounding community.

With love and prayers  
Lorna, Calum and Alistair