



# Prayer News Bulletin

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*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)*

Dear Friends

Sorry that this letter is a little later than usual. I had a last-minute trip to Aomori and Iwate prefectures, visiting various missionaries and presenting at the area's members' meeting. I was fortunate that my visit coincided with Aomori's spectacular autumn colours and apple harvest. It was also great to be able to attend one of OMF's church plants on Sunday and enjoy some time with the youth there.

## OMF News

At long last we pressed the "print button" on the new **prayer booklet** "*Beneath the Surface*"! We are dealing with domestic orders first and will take international orders starting in January. On the 17<sup>th</sup> we will have an online Launch Party for all of the contributors, as a way of thanking them. Thanks too for all your prayers for this project over the last year or so.

I lead our mobilisation committee in a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the next steps for our **mobilisation review**. The online virtual vision tour, "*Taste of Japan with OMF*" for people in Canada and the US, seems to be going well. Our first 1 year short-term workers arrived yesterday (from Ukraine!) and we hope that others will be able to come soon. It is quite a lot of work to coordinate all the documentation and quarantine needed for new and returning workers. Japan has also changed its rules again and it can be hard to keep up at times.

This Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>) I am meeting with Y, a young woman from China who spent a few years in Scotland, and who now works in Japan. Please pray:

- ✚ For distribution of the prayer booklet – we have nearly 10,000 domestic orders to process!
- ✚ For follow up from the decisions made at our Field Leadership Meetings;
- ✚ That I can encourage Y and that she will find a good church to be part of in Tokyo;
- ✚ For opportunities to meet with Japanese friends who are still quite cautious.

## Family News

I am hoping that **Matthew** and **Calum** will both be able to come back to Japan in early December for the Christmas holidays, but we need to coordinate PCR tests, lockdown rules and flight availability. Matthew continues to apply for jobs once his Diploma is finished next summer. Since **Daniel's** job is in the area of employment law, he has been rather busy with the ever-changing scene in England. He no longer has a resident's visa so cannot come here at Christmas. Please pray:

- ✚ For each of the boys to find Christian fellowship. They usually attend online services but don't have any other opportunities for fellowship at the moment.

## Church News

I am hoping to get two of the youth together for an online meeting this Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>). **R** is a final year student looking for a job once University finishes in March, so she is very busy. **A** has a lot of responsibility as a teacher at a school for students with special needs. **S** has drifted away from church since lockdown and has work on Sundays so can't attend the online meeting. I hope to finish the devotions in the book of Ruth this month. The church is also trying to decide what to do for Christmas which is usually a key season for outreach, but they don't feel able to hold any events this year. They have two seekers at the moment and a 70 year old man turned up at church on Sunday and said he will come again this week. Please pray:

- ✚ That I can encourage the A and R in the youth group and find ways to connect with S;
- ✚ For the seekers to believe and want to be baptised;
- ✚ For creative ideas for outreach to the community at Christmas.

*With love and prayers*

*Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair*