



From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for  
those who wait for him. You meet him  
who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Isaiah 64:3



# 新Tenzler ◦ Newsletter 2022 #1

Julian und Karolina want to reach students and staff at Japan's universities with God's good news of love and forgiveness and accompany them in following Jesus.

## A little bit of culture:

One food that is a must for the Japanese New Year is *ozoni*, a soup that varies in different parts of Japan and from family to family.

Some use a clear fish and soy broth, others thick salty miso paste. Others are sweet with red beans. The only unifying element is that you put *mochi* into it.



This is steamed glutinous rice beaten to a sticky paste, which becomes quite soft in the warm soup. The variety of ozoni recipes is also expressed in the spelling:

お雑煮

o zo ni

Simmered (煮) miscellaneous (雑).

Dear family and friends,

05-01-2022

As we announced in our last prayer letter, we want to tell you why we chose the city of Sendai for our last vacation in November.

Since our language training is coming to an end in the foreseeable future (August 2022 is planned), we have been praying for some time about how we should continue after that, and where we should start our ministry. We want to let God guide us in this question and are open to any place He



View of downtown Sendai from Aoba-Yama castle hill

will show us. Since God together with our call to Japan, has also placed on our hearts that we should work among students and university personnel, it will probably not be an idyllic village in the mountains, but a place that has a university nearby.

We would like to invite you into this decision-making process and ask you to pray with us for God's guidance. If you get an impression from God, please feel free to share it with us!

One city that has recently come to our attention that we hadn't even thought of before is Sendai. For one thing, our first contact with missionaries in Japan was a couple who did student work in Sendai.



Katahira Campus of the Tohoku University

Then the leaders of our OMF orientation course worked in Sendai for a while and told us a lot about the city. Last but not least, the current leaders of our language school were also involved in student work in Sendai, and recommended it warmly to us.

So we used our vacation to have a look at the city ourselves. We found it very appealing with a lot of nature in and around the city - Sendai has the nickname "City of Trees". There are also 11 universities

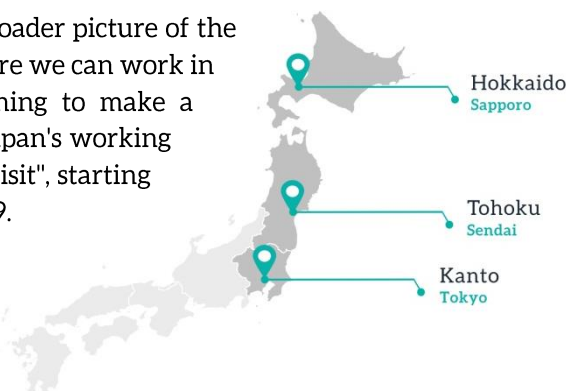
in Sendai. The largest of them, Tohoku University, has 18000 students including postgraduates.

### *Vision-Trip through East-Japan*

In order to get an even broader picture of the different possibilities where we can work in the future, we are planning to make a two-week tour of OMF Japan's working area, a so-called "Center Visit", starting presumably on January 29.

We will visit different missionaries and churches to talk with them and see how they work.

Places we will visit include Hakodate in the very south of Hokkaido, Aomori in the north of Tohoku, Sendai and a few other smaller cities in Tohoku, and several places in the larger Tokyo area. We will focus primarily on student missions, but will also take a look at pastoral care, sports ministry and homeless ministry.



### *Many contacts with people around us*

We are very happy that we have been able to build good relationships with the people in the Oasa church. One family visited us to play board games on New Year's Eve, and Karolina is tutoring another family's daughter in math in Japanese. Especially since the church started to randomly pick groups of two after the service who will praying for each other, we are getting to know even more people.

In addition, God has finally opened a door to our neighbors. Already twice we were allowed to invite a mother with her 9-year-old son to visit us! We hope that the relationship will deepen even more in the new year.

We thank you for your prayers and support and for accompanying us on our journey as missionaries in Japan!

### **Julian & Karolina**

Please check out our Telegram channel for photos, videos and stories ↓

### Upcoming events:

2022  
29.01. - 14.02. Center Visit  
August Grad. language school

### This is how you can support mission in Asia:

- Order our prayer letter (write us an email).
- Become a prayer partner: [Link](#)
- Become part of an OMF team of volunteers close to you: [Link](#)
- Do a short term mission trip with OMF Serve Asia: [Link](#)
- Or does God call you to Asia as a long-term missionary? [Link](#)

Invite OMF to your church.

### Pray for Japan: [Link](#)

This year during Christmas season more churches in Japan have decided to hold evangelistic events like Christmas concerts. Please pray for the visitors who came, that they will understand what they heard and that Jesus will enter their lives.

Continue to pray for creativity and guidance for the churches in Japan as they reach out to their people in spite of Corona.



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