



Jesus said to them again,  
"Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me,  
even so I am sending you."  
John 20:21

## 祈 Tenzler ○ Prayer letter 2022 #2



Dear Friends and family, **26-02-2022**

After this long winter, the first signs of thaw are slowly appearing. It will still take a while until all the snow is gone, but at least hope arises that warmer weather will come.



View from our language school. The sun is already shining very strongly and gives the snow on the roofs an interesting flow behaviour.

Similarly, the political situation in Japan seems to be slowly thawing and hopes are growing that the borders will soon be opened and missionaries waiting to enter the country will soon be able to do so. OMF Japan had to apply again for extra documents for all new workers. We have just learned that permission has now been granted for 12 missionaries to enter the country in March. Thank God! And thank you for your prayers! Please continue to pray for the whole situation and also that they will be able to handle all the back and forth emotionally and entrust it to God.

### 40 days fast and changed vacation plans

A lot has been happening with us lately on the spiritual level. We decided to fast for 40 days from the

beginning of January to the middle of February. During this time we only took water, tea, vitamins and a little bit of juice, and deliberately did without YouTube and other external influences in order to be able to concentrate completely on communion with God and listening to His speaking to us.

*Questions for you: What are your experiences with fasting? Have you ever fasted for a longer period of time? How has it changed you?*

God has brought us physically well through this time. We were able to continue studying without restrictions and even shoveling snow was possible. But what surprised us most was the spiritual effect during and especially after the fast.

Our fellowship with Jesus during our daily devotions but also throughout the day has become much more intense and our time with Him regularly fills us with an inexpressible joy. We experience revelations of spiritual truths and amazing connections while reading the Bible, deliverances from unhealthy habits, and have even been given dreams through which God guides us.

One example of God's special guidance was the planning of our upcoming vacation. Actually, we had been planning for some time to escape our icy and snowed-in island of Hokkaido for a week and spend some quiet time at the other end of Japan on the tropical islands of Okinawa. However, God showed both of us independently one week after our fast that it was not going to be Okinawa and that instead we should look on the Internet at a worldwide network of missionaries and Christians doing evangelistic work that we came across a few months ago, and be guided as to whom to contact and visit.

In this way, God introduced us to a missionary living near Osaka with whom we had a very blessed conversation on Zoom, and who is happy to host us for a week from February 27 to March 6. Osaka is the second largest metropolitan area in Japan after Tokyo.



During this time, there will also be a mission trip organized by him and a few other missionaries in the area in and around Osaka, where we will also participate. We are very excited about what we will experience during these days and what God will do.

On top of that, we learned that we will be staying with another missionary from Sendai whom we were planning to meet anyway during our OMF Center Visit in Sendai. So now, instead of one afternoon, we have a whole week to share with him. How ingenious is that for God to arrange?

Please pray for God's guidance and work during the outreach, for open and prepared hearts, and for good spiritual fellowship among each other. And thank Him together with us for these great contacts, and the spiritual progress that we were able to make through the fast.

### *Baking cake with our neighbors*

Today our neighbors were visiting again. We baked a chocolate cake together, played a board game, and of course ate the cake together afterwards. In addition to our neighbor and her son, the two cousins were also

there again. We had nice conversations, even though we avoided the topic of faith a bit this time and concentrated on getting to know each other better. It is generally not easy to get onto a spiritual topic. Please pray for much wisdom, that God will show us the right access to their hearts and that He Himself will meet them.



Ravensburger games are also popular in Japan. Here we play Labyrinth in the underwater variant with divers and sea creatures.

Otherwise, we are doing very well. Julian has now finished his third Japanese textbook and will start the Japanese Bible course after our vacation, which is expected to last two and a half months. The time when our Center Visit will take place is still not certain, but our leaders expect that it will probably be in the second half of March.

Thank you very much for your support in prayer, your emails, as well as for your faithful financial support!

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