



For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true.
Ephesians 5:8-9



祈enzler Japan Newsletter #10

Prayer Update

Liebe Familie und Freunde,

06-12-2022

Greetings from wintery Kitami. We are doing very well in the new church and thanks to the obliging support of our pastor we were already able to gain a lot of experience and insight into church life. We were allowed to be present at several prayer meetings, house groups and student meetings.

In our last newsletter we announced that we have accumulated a lot of prayer requests that we would like to share with you now. First of all, we are very grateful to announce that Japan has opened its **borders** to tourists since October. So you are cordially invited to visit us in Japan.

In addition, God has already blessed us with several contacts here in Japan. In the church we have **three young women from Indonesia** who are working in elderly care. Pastor Kitoh has asked us to take care of them a little bit. We have already had them over for dinner, and had wonderful spiritual fellowship. In addition, through a few detours, we met a **PhD student from Ethiopia** who just came to Japan the month before last. He is also a Christian and full of zeal for the Gospel. Only he was not prepared for the cool temperatures here and the cultural peculiarities of the Japanese. Therefore, we helped him out right away with thick blankets, heaters, and clothes shopping together, and have already invited him several times. He feels very comfortable in our church despite the language barrier, and even wants to join it.

The Christmas season is very busy in Japanese churches because many **evangelistic events** take place. Although we will not begin to serve in the church until the beginning of March, we will be involved in some events in December:

10-12 15-minute testimony during the Christmas celebration of sister T.'s cell group

18-12 20-minute testimony during Sunday service

20-12 Christmas evangelism by sister M.'s cell group

24-12 Evangelistic Christmas service

In addition, we would also like to establish contacts with **Japanese students** step by step, and invite them to a Christmas dinner or cookie baking, for example. Please pray for God's guidance and courage in making new acquaintances – be it at Starbucks, on campus, at the hair dresser or in the onsen (hot public bath), or however else God leads.

Julian has agreed to serve on the committee that plans the next **OMF Japan Field Conference**, which will be held in June 2023. Please pray that he will be able to carry out this task faithfully and for the blessing of all participants.

OMF is also looking for a **short-term childcare worker** in Sapporo for 2023 (details in email text).

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

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