

Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God. and those who hear will live. John 5:25





A Prayer-Update

## Dear family and friends,

10-06-2023

Even though it doesn't really want to get warm here in the north yet and the rainy season is just around the corner, we enjoy the beautiful nature and the sea of flowers in the gardens. During Golden Week, a series of public holidays in Japan, we had the opportunity to take a wonderful trip through West Hokkaido with a visitor from England. After that, a very busy season began.

We had many good meetings with our students, where we could see how our explanations created enthusiasm for God in the hearts of the young people. At the end of her first Bible study, which was mixed in English and Japanese and was about Jacob's confrontation with God at the Jabbok river, a masters student from Nepal, who is actually Hindu, said, "I learned that God always wants to turn our lives around for the better." We were almost in tears!

We also had great conversations and Bible studies with many people from our church. We found out that these dear brothers and sisters are so ready to experience more about God. At least four of them said that for 1-2 years they have been carrying around the feeling that there must be more to discover with God.

## **OMF** Field Conference

Julian has a lot to do for the upcoming OMF field conference. As the person in charge of transportation, he has to coordinate the arrival and return of about 250 participants, some of whom come by plane and shuttle bus, and some of whom come by carpool, their own car, or public

transportation, and possibly leave in a different way. This work requires many video meetings, emails, setting up and analyzing complex surveys, and fiddling with Excel spreadsheets. Even though it takes a lot of time, the other members of the planning committee are very happy to have a mathematician like Julian, who even enjoys this kind of work.

Please pray that the ministry Julian is doing with the missionary community of OMF Japan will bear much fruit and that it will be a richly blessed conference for everyone. We will be discussing OMF Japan's new church planting strategy paper during the conference. Pray for a Spirit-filled discussion on this topic, that the Lord will let us make the right decisions and that everything will be done in love and unity. Pray also that this paper will lead to more vibrant and mission-oriented churches in Japan and also inspire and motivate Japanese Christians.

Otherwise, Julian will be preaching in Abashiri tomorrow at a daughter church and leading the service together with Karolina. The following week we will participate in a neighborhood organized barbecue. Please pray that we can get to know our neighbors better and talk about the essential issues of life.

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

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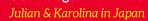
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