



The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34,18



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Prayer-Update

Dear family and friends,

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Now that the temperatures in Kitami are dropping rapidly and the beautiful autumn leaves can be seen everywhere, we remember that we have been here already for a year. We are very satisfied with our first year in church training and unspeakably grateful to God for his guidance and for all that he has prepared for us here. We look forward to the next year and a half with great expectations and deep trust before we head back to Germany for home assignment.

Autumn concert and family visit

In September, at our church's autumn concert, Julian shared his life-changing experiences with God during his doctoral work, which ultimately led to our calling by God to Japan. Our pastor in particular was evidently very moved by the testimony. **Please pray that this seed will also sprout in the hearts of the other listeners and encourage them to trust God more.**

We also had the privilege of traveling through Hokkaido with Julian's sister and her husband for two weeks at the end of September. It was a very special time for all of us!

Right now Julian is in preparation for his next sermon on November 12. **Please pray that he will be given the right message for our church and that he will be able to deliver it well and understandably.**

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God's amazing and unusual guidance continues. Karolina had recently felt led to look into child abuse and ordered a few books on the subject. In one book, a victim described how the terrible abuse caused her to have a split personali-

ty. The memories of the abuse, absorbed by the split-off personalities, did not emerge until she was in her 40s. During the long treatment by a Christian psychiatrist, she experienced Jesus taking care of each of her child personalities individually, guiding all to repentance and reuniting them with her.

At first, we were both very confused as to why God would let us read about such unsettling things. But two days after Karolina had finished the book, after a women's Bible study, a sister from our church told Karolina about a close acquaintance who had also experienced a split personality due to abuse during her childhood. Through therapy, however, all her splinter personalities had become "sheep of Jesus", she said, and come back to her. Karolina was very surprised by such a conversation, but through the book she was able to understand what the sister was talking about and could answer her questions.

This was now the third person in our immediate vicinity who was affected by child abuse. We realize that this is a sad but important issue that we will continue to encounter in our work in Japan and a topic that weights heavily on Gods heart. **Please pray for the many people in Japan who fight with unresolved trauma or are currently in situations of abuse. Pray also for the abusers that they are able to work through the lies that bring about their evil actions. Please pray for us as well that we are to handle situations like these with much wisdom and love.**

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

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