

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6:17-18





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A Prayer-Update

Dear family and friends,

06-11-2023

This time we have an urgent call for prayer for you.

Let's save Café COEN!

This is an English conversation café run by OMF missionaries in Sapporo. In addition to a normal café operation, there is the opportunity for the guests to chat with English speakers in the dining area, and also professional English lessons are offered by café staff. It has also become a place where many of the regular customers feel comfortable and welcome and can talk openly about their lives and problems. Karen and Dale, the café owners, once told us that their English lessons sometimes turn into real counseling sessions. In addition, a small church group meets in the café rooms on Sundays for worship. Some of the members are café visitors who have come to know Jesus, and some are Christians from the surrounding area.



This café is a special place for us because it was the first ministry in Japan that we helped with. Over the years we have grown very fond of it, also because we are convinced that people in Japan need precisely such places of love, informality and security in order to come closer to Jesus.

This summer, a Japanese employee of the café was tragically killed in a bus accident. Since then, Karen and Dale have been fighting for the survival of the café, which has already suffered because of Corona. They have announced that under the current conditions they will have to close the café on December 2. But they have told us that they don't want to give up just yet. The regular customers are also fervently hoping that the café will continue.

So please pray that God will show a solution for Café COEN. Pray especially for Karen and Dale, who are physically and emotionally at the end of their tether. And pray for new permanent staff for the café and possibly even for other missionaries who can take over the café.

Cell Groups, Student Meetings and Sermon

We are doing very well at the moment and we are having our international cell groups on a regular 2-week basis now. A great answer to prayer is that one of the elderly care taker trainees has managed to get her boss to allow her to come every time, which was always a big problem before. Thank God!

Please pray for good conversations during the cell groups and also at the KGK meetings with the Japanese students. We are also trying to organize a special meeting with the KGK students about once a month, such as a game night or cooking together. Julian's sermon preparation for November 12 is coming along well. Please pray that it will strengthen and encourage the listeners.

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

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