Japan Prayer Fuel

July 2021

This month let us once again thank the Lord for his blessings and help during this season of ministry. Over the summer, some missionaries and churches will have special outreaches. The summer is also a time for missionaries to take a vacation. Please pray for good rest and refreshment.



The Olympics are also due to start this month with public opinion still rather divided and ministry opportunities limited.

Sports & Olympics Ministry

On July 9th a team member will be helping to run an online seminar on Sports Chaplaincy. Please pray for the preparation and presentation of materials there. July 23rd will (probably!) be the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics. However, strict restrictions and divided public opinion means that there are not really any opportunities for direct outreach. Please pray for guidance as to what online events to run and how to mobilise prayer for Japan during this time. Please pray too for the team as they help out at a camp at Aomori Christian Center July 26-31st. Pray for them to have grace and strength to model Jesus well to the young people who come.

Sendai Evangelical Christian

Praise for new people in church: pray they will become regular. Pray for unity and willingness to work among members. Praise for many opportunities to teach the gospel and for good health. Pray for conversions in all the different ministries in different areas of Sendai. Pray for the church to get a building.

Hiragishi Izumi

Give thanks for more new people coming on Sundays. Pray for salvation for non-Christians and for the Christians to join (and may we be built up together as Christ's body). Give thanks for a good start to evangelism training – please pray that the Lord would give us all opportunities to share the gospel, and the needed wisdom, boldness and love. Lift before the Lord three members who, for different reasons, are rarely at Sunday services. COVID-permitting, we will participate in the community '100 yen shopping street'. May the Lord be glorified in all!

Sendai Izumi Park Town

Thank God for recent newcomers, including a lady who says she wants to be baptized! Pray for spiritually hungry participants for the Alpha course. Some church members are becoming tired and stressed dealing with COVID, etc. Pray that we would grow in faith and wisdom and encourage each other with God's promises in the hope and joy of the Holy Spirit.

Connect International (Yokohama)

As we are working towards closing Connect, thank you for praying that each of our church members can find a new fellowship to belong to. Thank you also for praying that the process of closing will go as smoothly as possible and for guidance regarding the next steps and the future of the missionaries who were involved at Connect. Our last service will be on September 4th. Thank you for your prayer support throughout these past years.

Third-Culture Kid (TCK) Advisor

As we move into a second summer with potential disruptions of movement because of Covid and the Olympics, please pray for refreshment for all of our TCKs over the summer months.

Hokkaido Sector Leader

Please pray for good breaks for members in Hokkaido during the summer. Churches and ministries are planning different summer programmes for outreach under the COVID situation. Please pray for good attendance and that people can have a chance to hear the gospel and connect to Christians and churches.

Iai Girls Middle and High School

Pray for our missionary's remaining 3 chapel messages before summer. Pray that she can be a godly testimony and witness to the students and staff daily. Pray for the school's first ever Hymn Festival on the 16th. Each class of each grade will perform a self-chosen and self-arranged hymn.

Nayoro Grace Church

Since the State of Emergency has been lifted, Nayoro Grace Church will have its first attempt in launching Sunday Service with communion in the church building in 3 time slots. Pray for God's protection on church members' health, and also for strength for the Pastor preaching in 3 services. Joyful Ladies Bible Study is going to have a family fun outdoor outreach on 24 Jul. May those contacts and friends of the church members who are invited come. Pray also for good weather.