Japan Prayer Fuel

August 2024

This month we are highlighting work that God has maintained by his grace, as some churches celebrate significant anniversaries. There are also various new ventures and opportunities for sharing the Gospel with new designations and new missionaries joining the field.



Japan Field Director (FD)

May the Lord help all of us to grow in Him like plants grow in summer. May the Lord help us to enjoy time with family, Japanese friends and different types of ministry opportunities during the school summer break. Please keep praying for the different transitions in the Field Leadership Team (FLT) in the coming months, that God will provide for each one. Pray too for the Designation Working Group meeting on the **19th** and FLT on the **20th**.

Niseko Christ Church, Hokkaido

Praise God that a couple has been able to move to Makkari, which has allowed a closer working relationship with the pastor and his wife. As this couple seeks to understand the area better, please pray for the encounters they will have with neighbours and others in the community, as many are curious why two younger foreigners have joined their village. The pastor wants to disciple the current younger generation at church (although not many), especially the teenagers. Pray that their faith will continue to grow deep roots in their lives.

Sapporo Minami Church

Praise the Lord for guiding Minami Church for 50 years and that church members were able to enjoy the celebration recently. Pray that another fruitful 50 years is coming. Also pray that many kids will come to join events in summer. May God let the gospel seeds grow in his time.

KGK (student work)

Please pray for the preparation of Kanto regional camps (**21-24th** unbeliever-focus, and **27-31st** Christian students' faith-growing-focus). May each member of staff have God's wisdom and a humble heart to serve the students and may participants experience God in a deep way. Also, may Christian students experience spiritual growth through the summer vacation.

Nakayoshi Church, Tokyo

Nakayoshi church recently celebrated its 45th anniversary. Please pray that God continues to guide the church through many more years of ministry.

Returnee Ministries

Pray for the returnees coming to the men's events, and for opportunities to connect with them at a deeper level, including looking at the Bible together.

Pray for the kids' English summer camp (VBS) which the team is doing with Chofu Baptist Church **6-8th**. Pray lots of kids will come, learn about Jesus, and that the team can connect with more returnee families through this event. Over the summer they hope to have more opportunities to meet with returnees one-on-one. Pray for meaningful conversations and for the Lord to work in their lives.

Pray that seekers in the online evangelism course can overcome their hesitation, doubts or questions and respond to the gospel with child-like faith. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide discussions.

Candidate Coordinator (CC)

We give thanks that the CC can continue to serve while in Germany to be with her father who is ill. Pray nothing would slip through the net during this time. Pray for candidates who hope to join the Orientation Course in November but haven't got all of their clearances yet. May they be able to get everything they need or continue to trust God even if they are delayed.

Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ)

The term starts again at CAJ on the **8th**, and the **20th** is the first day for students. Please pray for (1) the team to glorify God in all they do as a school, and (2) the need of two new staff members.

Sendai Student Focus (SSF)

Pray for the Japanese university students who are going to study abroad this month like one who is going to the Florida for 6 months, one to Gold Coast for 2 weeks, and another to California for a month. May God keep them safe, and may they meet Christians who can share the love of Christ during their time away from home. Praise God for the various gatherings and meetings the team has - may God continue to make and cultivate the relationships for His glory. There are various Christian camps organized by students for students - may they be safe, memorable, and draw them closer to God.

Japanese Language and Culture Center (JLCC)

We recently welcomed three families to Sapporo. Pray that they will settle well. Pray that the new teacher will also adjust well to teaching in JLCC. By the end of this year we would like to hire at least one more part-time teacher. Pray that we can find suitable people. Another family will move to Kanto and start ministry in their training designation. Pray for a smooth transition. One family will do a Center Visit from the **24th** - September 7th. Pray for protection and blessed conversations with pastors and colleagues. Pray for our childcare workers and children during the school holidays until the **23rd**. Finally, pray that every one of our new colleagues would make (and feel like they are making) progress in language learning.