Japan Prayer Fuel

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2024 Field Prayer Focus: Seeking a year of fruitfulness



'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.' John 15:5.

Please Pray for the Japan field: 1) That we will remain in Jesus and bear much fruit; 2) That the fruit of the Spirit will be increasingly evident in our lives; 3) For fruit from the gospel seeds sown over generations in Japan; 4) For those we disciple to remain in Jesus and bear much fruit.

Finance & Administration Sector Leader

Please pray for the Lord's hand to be on the General Meeting (4th November), as we approve the 2025 budget and appoint auditors for the 2024 financial year. Pray for the Finance Team, recovering from the budget process and preparing for the year-end process. Pray also for provision of suitable Home Assignment Storage Facilities in Kanto and Hokkaido. Pray for the Sector Leader as he prepares reports for Field Leadership Team (FLT) meetings. Pray that we will see fruit from how we have used our finances in 2024.

Niseko Christ Church (Hokkaido)

Praise God for the new Niseko Youth group. Team members were moved by how young people encouraged one another through the difficulties of being the only Christian in school. Pray that each young person will continue to grow in their maturity and relationship with Christ, individually and as a group. Pray also for wise and bold witnessing to new friends. Continue to pray for unity, as the church prepares for the winter season, and the opening of a new international school.

Sorachi Project (Hokkaido)

We give thanks for our colleague's concert in Sunagawa Church, which was attended by several neighbours including one lady, who stayed around to chat with church members for the first time. Another colleagues preaches once a month at Bibai Church, while searching for others to preach at Sunagawa Church and Mikasa Church. Pray for ongoing preparation to co-host a "creative arts" short-term team from 29thNovember to 9th December; pray for mutual encouragement among the team and Japanese Christian artists.

Kurume Christ Church (Tokyo)

This month, the team will set out their roles and responsibilities for their training designation at the church. Please pray that the Lord will help them to serve Him faithfully in the community. Pray that the Lord will continue to guide the family's transition to Kanto and for their children to thrive at the Christian Academy in Japan.

Serve Japan (SJ)

Tohoku: Pray for three Serve Asia Workers as well as two OMF friends who join weekly meetings. Pray for balancing planning for 2025 with meeting hosts, serving at church, and Japanese study. Pray also for good rest.

Kanto: Pray for workers to know Jesus more, to grow in language ability and confidence, to continue to settle well and to have opportunities to share Christ. Five workers and a team are coming in the next few months. Pray for visas and rooms at the share house.

Hokkaido: Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and guidance of workers settling well in their service in Sapporo. May the Holy Spirit be with them as witnesses of Christ wherever they go, helping them to meet people and share the good news.

TCK (Third Culture Kid) Advisor Team

Please remember missionary families as they prepare to move. Pray for time and energy to say goodbyes to the people, places and things that are precious to them, and for each child to know that God Himself goes before them and with them.

Izumi Park Town Christ Church (Sendai)

Please pray for good preparation for Bible studies with four boys, and also that the girls' Bible study will go well. Please continue to pray for the English Cafe's attendants' salvation, and that the team can build good, trust relationships with them. Please pray for the men's breakfast to go well.

Training & Development Coordinator

Please pray for the Project Timothy I online course, with 15 participants and several facilitators. There are two more sessions in November. Please pray for preparations for the Pre-Home Assignment Workshop (PHAW) in January 2025 – it would be good to have a few more participants.

Japan Homeside Center (JHC)

Please pray for preaching at Nippori International Church (10th November). May the Lord lead to the relevant passage and anoint to deliver His message to the people.

Thank you for prayers for the Vietnamese & Japanese tract. The needed permission letter from the author's family was received. Please pray for the next steps of publication, publicity and distribution, so that it can be used effectively amongst Vietnamese in Japan.