

Fall 2022



Hot off the press! Our latest family prayer card (attached!), and some updates on our family.

We just finished a three-day debrief in North Carolina with SIM, our mission organization. We are so encouraged by the expertise, wisdom, and care! Through a time of prayer and discernment, **we have decided to delay our return to Japan**. We are hoping for a mid-December return date.

The decision to stay longer in the U.S. was made because of several medical issues in our family needing attention. These concerns are better addressed here, where we have both the resources and the time to focus. We are all disappointed to not be heading back in early October, but we continue to see the wise and loving hand of God guiding us.

How we'd love your prayers! Here are some specific requests we would love you to bring before our Father:

- Pray for **Owen**, who is in Ishinomaki, house-sitting for friends and working at Starbucks. Ask the Father to use this new season of independence to strengthen and teach him.
- Pray for **Annie**, as she is making decisions this fall about college (start date fall 2023), and that God will use this season to prepare her for next steps and life in the U.S.
- Pray for **Olivia and Ian**, as they both continue online schooling from here in New Jersey. We are wanting to find places for both of them to plug in over these next few months (clubs, youth group, etc.) that will provide opportunities for growth and friendships.
- Praise God that there was a cancellation in our **mission housing** community that is allowing us to continue staying in our same home!
- Pray for **us!** We have realized that we are weary. Pray for us to receive what God has for us this season; to provide **fellowship** with himself and others.
- Pray for the medical appointments and wisdom we need going forward.
- Would you ask God that we can **be a blessing** in this place that he has us?
- Pray for our teammates back in Japan, that God will care for them and provide all that they need in our absence.
- Praise God for the **Nozomi Project** and his work over these years! Please ask him to guide us step by the step as we evaluate what is best for the future.

This has not been the home assignment that we expected! But we are claiming the promises of God: "As you go step by step, I will open up the way before you" (Proverbs 4:12, Syriac version).

Many blessings,

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