



Prayer News Bulletin

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*"But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the Lord will go before you,
the God of Israel will be your rear guard." (Isaiah 52:12)*

Dear Friends

This will be the last prayer letter I send from Scotland for a while. I have just over a week left of my Home Assignment before heading back to Japan. It has been lovely to catch up with some of you. I am sorry for those of whom I didn't manage to see this time. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Family News

Daniel sat his exams. As he waits for the results which will come out in September, he is now starting part 2 of his course. Yada's family (6 of them) are visiting the UK and I am having them for lunch along with Daniel and Yada on the 8th. **Calum** is now rethinking his plans and seeing if he can get a job that will sponsor a work visa in the US. He can stay on his current visa until early September. **Alistair** hopes to become a football coach and is sitting the exams for that qualification this month. I hope to visit him on the 14th – and get my car back! Please pray for:

- ✚ Time with Yada's family, none of whom are Christians. May they see something of Jesus in us.
- ✚ The Lord to open the right door for Calum and Alistair for their futures, and for them to seek his leading.

Returning to Japan

I am grateful for my recommissioning service at St. Paul's Church in Milngavie at the end of July. I have my recommissioning service at Holyrood Evangelical Church in Edinburgh on the 3rd. I then need to sort out various belongings and finances and sell the car I've been using before flying back to Japan on the 9th, arriving on the 10th. The first week (which is a holiday week in Japan) will be to get over jetlag and catch up with various friends, including a visit to Alistair's. On the 17th I will attend Masago Baptist Church which I was part of since 2016. That evening I will fly up to Sakata in Yamagata Prefecture to look for accommodation. Pastor Kizu has been in touch with some estate agents and we hope to have a few places to set up to view. It will take 2-3 weeks for the contract to be finalized. I then need to arrange for my belongings to be moved up to Sakata.

On the 24th I will attend the Chapel of Adoration in Ichikawa. David and I attended this church from 2013-2016 and it is the home church of Pastor Kizu and his wife so the church is also praying for the work in Sakata. That evening I fly up to Sapporo to have two days of handover with Audrey Eusey who has taken over my Sector Leader role on the Japan Field. I hope to catch up with different people there too. I hope to drive up to Sakata at the end of August. I may stay in the church initially until I can move into my new accommodation. I also need to buy various pieces of furniture, so hope that there will be some good deals in local recycle shops! Please pray for:

- ✚ A good last week in Scotland and the strength and energy for all the comings and goings in Japan;
- ✚ The provision of suitable accommodation in Sakata, reasonably near the church. Some landlords are reluctant to let to foreigners and/or people involved in religious work; and
- ✚ The Kids Gospel week being run in Sakata Church until the 3rd. They have 17 children from 10 families attending and hope that I will be able to follow them up once I am there.

OMF News

I am continuing part of my role as International Facilitator for Personnel Management until the end of August, primarily giving support to personnel managers in the different OMF centres across the world. We are also starting preparations for our next crisis management training later this year. In addition, I have some preparations to do for our next Global Vision Council meetings in October. I am grateful to be able to serve the fellowship in these ways. Please pray for:

- ✚ A good balance of my different responsibilities and that I can be helpful in each one.

Thank you so much. With love and prayers, Lorna