



# Prayer News Bulletin

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“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”  
(which means “God with us”). (Matthew 1:23)

Dear Friends

Thank you for praying for all the logistics as I packed up and left Japan. God provided just the right people to help at the right time and everything got done. It was lovely having a few days in Bangkok before arriving back in Scotland. December is largely a time to catch up with family and start preparing for my Home Assignment, with meetings beginning in January.

## OMF News

I was grateful to be able to hand on the various parts of my role to different people. I still have to sort out the emails and documents and hope to get to that this month. I also have a couple of things I am involved with for OMF’s Global Vision Council as we work out the best way to work with the International Leadership Team. In addition, I have been asked to help with an international project which might get going this month. Please pray:

- ✚ For my colleagues in Japan taking on extra responsibilities over the next few months;
- ✚ That I can get all the emails and documents sorted and organized to make the full handover as smooth as possible;
- ✚ For God’s wisdom and help in the things I am involved in for OMF International; and
- ✚ For inspiration as I start to prepare presentations and messages which start in January.

## Family News

**Daniel and Yada’s** wedding celebration went really well – thanks so much for praying. Matthew and Annamaria and Alistair were also able to make it, as were Daniel’s aunts and uncles so it was a nice time to catch up with family as well as to get to know Yada’s family a bit better. **Matthew** is starting to look for accommodation in London this month in advance of their move. **Alistair** is coming back from the **17-26<sup>th</sup>** – his first time in Scotland and seeing his grandparents in nearly 5 years. Please pray:

- ✚ For Matthew and Daniel’s plans as they both look to move to London in the early part of 2025, in particular for accommodation and for Yada’s visa;
- ✚ Alistair to enjoy time in Scotland, especially seeing family again. Once he finishes University, it will be much harder for him to come back if he is working in Japan.

## Church News

Please pray for the different Christmas outreaches at Masago Church (my church in Chiba). They have a children’s Christmas on the **15<sup>th</sup>**, the Mums and Babies on the **17<sup>th</sup>**, Mums and toddlers on the **19<sup>th</sup>**, their Christmas service and lunch on the **22<sup>nd</sup>** and Christmas Eve service on the **24<sup>th</sup>**.

The church I hope to serve at in my next term has a meeting on the **8<sup>th</sup>** when they will show the video of my testimony that I recorded for them. This is in advance of the church AGM on **26<sup>th</sup>** January when they will make the final decision about me serving there. Please pray:

- ✚ That many people would attend events, services and outreaches held all over Japan and want to more about Jesus;
- ✚ For strength for Pastor K in this busy season as he is already pretty exhausted with the various responsibilities he holds; and
- ✚ For the discussions at the church I hope to serve at. This sort of partnership with OMF is a new thing for them.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May we all once again be struck by the message of Immanuel, God with us, and have many opportunities to share that message with others around us. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support this year. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in 2025.

*With love and prayers, Lorna and Alistair*