



Prayer News Bulletin

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"I am certain that I will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living." (Psalm 27:13)

Dear Friends

Happy New Year. I hope you have enjoyed a good time over the Christmas and New Year holidays. 2025 will see a lot of transitions in the family. Thank you for your continued support and prayer as we seek to see the Lord glorified in our lives and in Japan.

Japan/OMF News

The church where I hope to serve for my next term has its AGM on the **26th**, when they plan to confirm my placement there. I will then be able to share more. I am still working with a colleague in Japan on a website to go with the Beneath the Surface prayer booklet. We hope this website will go live in the first part of this year and be a stimulus for many to pray. I was also able to get some of the work on the international project done last month and just have one part left now. Please pray for:

- ✚ God to lead the decision at the church AGM; and
- ✚ The final parts of the website to be completed on time.

OMF Japan is urgently seeking a **Finance Manager**. This person does not need to be a qualified accountant, but does need a good understanding of accounting, spreadsheets and data management skills, good communication skills and flexibility. We have opportunities on our website for [1-3 years](#) and for [longer-term](#). We are also seeking a **Field Medical Advisor**, a doctor or experienced nurse to support OMF missionaries in Japan by providing medical advice and member care. The role is part-time, so they would also serve in another Field ministry as they are able. Please pray for:

- ✚ God to provide the right people for these important roles. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass the links to the opportunities on to them.

Family News

It has been nice to have time with Matthew and Alistair in person and Daniel and Calum online. We are grateful that **Yada's** spousal visa has been granted, surprisingly quickly. Thanks for praying. **Matthew** moves to London on the 3rd, has some flat viewings on the 4th and starts work on the 6th. This will be a big change for him and Annamaria. **Alistair** has end of year exams and reports this month. If he passes everything, then the only thing left in his final year is his graduation thesis. **Calum** also starts back at University and work next week. Please pray for:

- ✚ A good start to his new job and for suitable accommodation for Matthew and Annamaria. They can stay with friends for 10 days so hope to find a place to move into by the 14th;
- ✚ Each of us to seek the Lord's leading in all of our decisions and to rely on his strength every day.

Home Assignment

I did not get as much preparation done in December as I had hoped, so am needing to do a lot over the next couple of weeks. I am grateful this month to be visiting several churches and prayer groups. I have also been asked to co-lead a seminar on church planting at OMF's conference in early March and need to connect with the other co-leader and start to plan how we will do it.

Dates for January:

5 th : St. Paul's Milngavie & Baldernock	10 th : Dingwall Prayer Group (zoom)
11 th : Drumbeck Prayer Group	12 th : St. Paul's Milngavie & Baldernock
14 th : (morning) Bearsden Prayer Group	14 th : (evening) Jordanhill Prayer Group
19 th : St. Michael's Linlithgow	20 th : Ministry Review and Holyrood Mission Team
22 nd : Falkirk Free Church	26 th : Castlehill Baptist

- ✚ Please pray for the Lord's help in preparation and for his blessing at each service/meeting.

If you would like me to visit your church, small group or prayer group between February and July, please be in touch. I now have a car so can get around quite easily 😊

With love and prayers, Lorna