



Prayer News Bulletin

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"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." (Isaiah 26:3)

Dear Friends

May was a good, if somewhat intense, month with deputation, helping organise trainings and answer questions on our new personnel system, project involvement, and wedding preparations. Thanks for all your prayers which definitely saw me through.

Family News

Calum and Jordan arrived safely and are now off exploring the north and west of Scotland for a few days. **Matthew** and Annamaria come up from London on Monday. **Daniel** and Yada arrive on Wednesday, as do Annamaria's Slovakian family. We are hosting them for one night before they go to Edinburgh. The wedding is on the 7th. It's been lovely to be here to give some help, especially since the bride and groom are in London and her parents and sister in Prague. After a few more deputation meetings, I will then take some holiday at the end of the month, which I am looking forward to. Please pray for:

- ✚ A blessed time at the church service and reception on the 7th, with everything going smoothly;
- ✚ Time with family and Matthew's in-laws. Annamaria's parents are not confident in their English ability, but I hope they can really enjoy the wedding and their time with us too; and
- ✚ A restful holiday at my sister's flat in Portugal. I haven't been there before, so am looking forward to doing some exploring.

Home Assignment

Deputation is starting to wind down. I am grateful for all the opportunities I have had, including visits to some new places. This month I have a couple of youth events. It can be a challenge to speak to a group of teens you haven't met before, so I am hoping for inspiration as I prepare. I had a good call with Pastor Kizu about plans for my return to Japan in August and move to Sakata. He is already thinking about different ways I can serve in the church and different forms of outreach we can do. Since there is a Kids Gospel event for a week at the end of July, they are keen to have something to follow up those who attend. Please pray for:

- ✚ Preparation for the different meetings, especially with the youth. May God give them an interest in mission;
- ✚ Confirmation of my clearances to be confirmed for my return to Japan on 9 August; and
- ✚ Plans with Sakata Church from September onwards.

Dates for June:

1st: Whyte's Causeway, Kirkcaldy

10th: Sauchie and Fishcross UF Church

15th: St Paul's Church, Milngavie

10th: Dollar Academy CU

13th: Youth event at Chryston Church

18-27th: Holiday

OMF News

Give thanks that our new personnel system was able to be launched on time. Two main trainings are finished and there are two more next week. Now we are at the stage of discovering and trying to solve problems as people pick them up. I have discovered that there are quite a few documents needing to be prepared to deal with the ways things are done in the new system. We are also looking for someone to take over this international personnel role (IFPM) once I return to Japan. A couple of names have been suggested. Please pray for:

- ✚ All those learning how to use the new system and for those trying to fix all the bugs while answering people's questions;
- ✚ A replacement IFPM to be found before I go back to Japan;
- ✚ OMF Japan's field conference from 16-20 June. Obviously I cannot attend, but there will be around 260 adults and 70 children gathering in Hokkaido. There have been a lot of challenges and changes on the field recently. Pray for a blessed and helpful time for everyone.

With love and prayers, Lorna