

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13: 15-16

Praises:

Whew! June was filled with end of school wrap up, packing, cleaning, mission outings, and more cleaning. The house we live in is mission owned, we clean and organize the house to leave it prepared to be used for any need that may arise while we are away. Doing that heavy cleaning gets harder as the humidity increases and as our age increases. ☺ Elijah's packing was not for a one year stay in the States but to move. He will finish high school in Western NY and then move onto college, this means a complete move to the US. That took time and team work.

We arrived in the US on July 6 after driving up to Tokyo to fly out. Japan is slowly opening up, but Tourists are still extremely restricted. Those who are coming are using special visas and one way the Japanese government monitors international travel is having most flights connect through Tokyo. Tokyo is about a seven-hour drive from Osaka, not awful but requires greater planning and forethought than just flying out of Osaka. We are thankful to Shan and Yuri who journeyed with us to help with our travel adventure. ☺

We are getting settled at my mom's, Linda's, house; finding space and organizing as we once again adjust to six people living life together. It's wonderful to be close to Noah and Jonah and extended family.

We are excited to announce Noah's engagement to Joy and look forward to a wedding in August 2023.☺

Prayers:

Keep Shan Reed and Yuri Nakano in your prayers as they continue ministry and fill in the gaps while we are in the States. Due to the size of the field and the advancement of technology, home assignment no longer means we can completely stop participating in the business of ministry in Japan. We will need to continue to participate in field meetings, so please pray for the logistics of these meetings.

Pray for the Japanese Christian community. With the assassination of Shinzo Abe, pray that the Church will rise to the occasion and take the opportunity to speak into the lives of their neighbors bringing peace, love, and forgiveness.

Pray for our continued adjustment to US culture and home assignment ministry.

Please contact Paul, [pemedicus@yahoo.com](mailto:pemedicus@yahoo.com), so we can set up a time to visit and fellowship!

Many thanks always for your prayers and support,  
Grace and Peace,  
Paul and Melissa