



## *Paul & Melissa Ewing*

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN



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## DISCERNMENT

### *Praise*

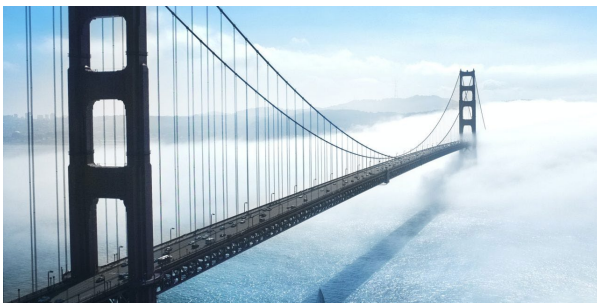
- God's continued protection and guidance in our comings and goings.
- Sweet fellowship with NAB family around the conference.
- God's continued teaching and discipling as He works in our lives and in the lives around us.
- The beauty of God's creation seen in the winterscapes filled with snow.

### *Prayer*

- Our boys continue to be busy. All three have begun their last semester at their various education institutions.
- Komyo Church as they seek God and ministry opportunities.
- Our missionary team to increase. We are earnestly praying for short- and long-term missionaries.
- Please pray for continued traveling mercies as we visit churches and participate in conferences.
- Pray for the women's events happening in Japan. Shan Reed and Yuri Nakano will be leading and teaching in these upcoming events.

*“Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.”*

ISAIAH 43:18-19 (NIV)



Transition. Change. Unknown. Every time we return home for home assignment, it is a time of transition, a time of the unknown. After 22 years of

moving and transitioning every four to five years, you would think one would become use to it, but life is always changing, moving, and transforming. Transition brings blessings and challenges. The biggest blessings: seeing family, fellowshipping with our supporters. The hard part of transition: leaving a life behind that will continue without us and entering a life in North America that continued without us; having our nuclear family separated, with Paul in constant travel mode while the kids and I stay “home.” We start home assignment running to catch up, adjusting, and learning the changes of North American life. In the second half



of home assignment, we begin looking ahead, preparing, and adjusting to return to Japan. Transition is unavoidable in this life, but that doesn't make it easy. Transition reminds one to take one step at a time, with the constant repeat to keep trusting God, trusting His plan. Even through the clouds of the unknown, He holds our hand and walks alongside us leading where He wants us to go.

Paul has continued his church visits, starting January 8, and will have a church visit every weekend until summer, including many 10- to 14-day trips. Fortunately, we will all be home for Easter! Please pray he will find time to rest between church visits and for continued health. We

are blessed by you and how you support us through prayer and financial giving. We appreciate your generosity with your time and gifts.

We continue to participate in mission meetings with Shan Reed and Yuri Nakano to help with the business of ministry in Japan. Meeting each month helps to stay in touch and support one another. Pray for these meetings, that they would be productive and encouraging.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.

Grace and Peace,

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