



PAUL & MELISSA EWING - Missionaries in Japan

February 2019

Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you for praying for our Christmas season and activities at the church. As we faithfully serve those that participate in the various activities of the church, God is faithful in giving us the strength and love to serve. The following pictures are from our Children's Christmas party, Ladies Christmas craft and lunch, Gospel Café, and Christmas Eve service (where I was blessed by seeing my boys playing Christmas carols with their dad).



We rang in the New Year as a mission family and then with our church family on January 1, looking back at God's blessings, being thankful, and looking to 2019 with God's promises to take with us.

We continue to encourage and challenge those God has brought into our path to live for Him and choose to follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Paul preached the last two weeks on John 10, Jesus the Good Shepherd, and he shared a picture of a shepherd with a large herd of sheep. What struck me about this picture was that the shepherd is in front, and 50 or more sheep are following right behind him. Following Jesus is a choice, and if we are to grow in our relationship with Jesus, and know His voice, we have to choose to be right behind Him, following, being saved daily from our sins. As we ourselves choose daily to follow Jesus and hear His voice, we continue to challenge and encourage others to do the same. Please be in prayer for a single gentleman and a family in the church that right now are struggling in choosing to follow Jesus. They are being pulled and drawn by the troubles of this world. Pray that they would continue to put their faith in Jesus and trust in the process, which includes the promise that in God's good and faithful time

PRAISES

- Full and wonderful Christmas season!
- Being able to spend time with Eriya, Becky (Lengefeld) and Hannah! Praise God for baby Joshua's safe arrival!
- Rest!
- Family times resting and playing!
- God's peace and comfort during times of disappointment and concern.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Upcoming events - preparations alongside everyday ministry.
- Paul as he balances ministry and deeper studies by participating in the Blue Ocean Forums February 24-March 2; April 28-May 03.
- Leading the PTA of KCS. Being a witness to the many families who do not know Jesus.
- Shan Reed and Yuri Nakano as they lead the Ladies Seminar at Komyo and the Aichi JBC area churches.
- Jonah's college preparations.

"My sheep listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

John 10:27-30 NLT



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all things come together for our good (Romans 8:28). Pray for the others who attend Komyo through Sunday worship, Bible studies, or English classes, and whether a long time Christian, a new Christian, or just being exposed to who God is, that the truth of God and His love would be evident. As events are planned for the coming months, pray that hearts would receive the truth of God's love and choose to follow the Good Shepherd.

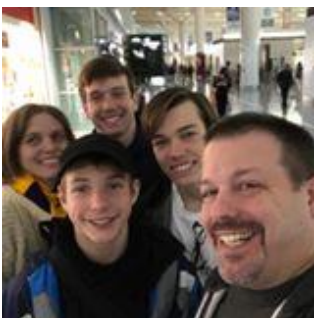
Upcoming Events

- February 19 Ladies Seminar
- March 11 JEMA Ladies one-day retreat
- March 16 Gospel Café
- March 25-26 JBC Youth Spring retreat
- March 31 Ten-Year Anniversary of Komyo Christian Church
- April TBA One-day Bible seminar
- April 21 Easter

There are only a few short months left until Jonah and his classmates graduate from Kansai Christian School. Please keep the five graduates in your prayers as they seek God's direction. Jonah's classmates will either return to the States, stay in Japan, or move to a new country for university. Pray that the roots of their faith will continue growing down into the depths of Jesus' love so they may be strengthened to face the coming adjustments and adventures. (Ephesians 3:17)



Blessings,
Paul and Melissa



Please Pray

Have you felt God tugging at your heart to be a part of international ministry, whether career or short-term? There can be many obstacles to saying yes to this tugging. But, if you feel the Spirit pulling at your heart, revealing a leading toward wanting to know more, these obstacles can be overcome. Please contact someone. Talk to your pastor, regional minister, NAB home office, or us directly. We know God is not done with the field of Japan and we are praying that He is calling others to join with us in the work that still needs to be done.

P.S. If you know someone who is not receiving our newsletter or praise and prayer emails, please contact me at japanewing@yahoo.com.