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Building Movements of Spirit-Led, Disciple-Making Disciples on Kyoto Campuses



Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the past four months to adjust to our new life and ministry in Kyoto!
- Praise God for providing a new church for us to attend!
- Pray for safe travels as we fly to South Korea on July 19
- Pray for a blessed time of visiting with Jungshin's family
- Pray for more laborers for the mission field in Japan
- Pray for the Kyoto staff team as they lead the ministry until we return in January

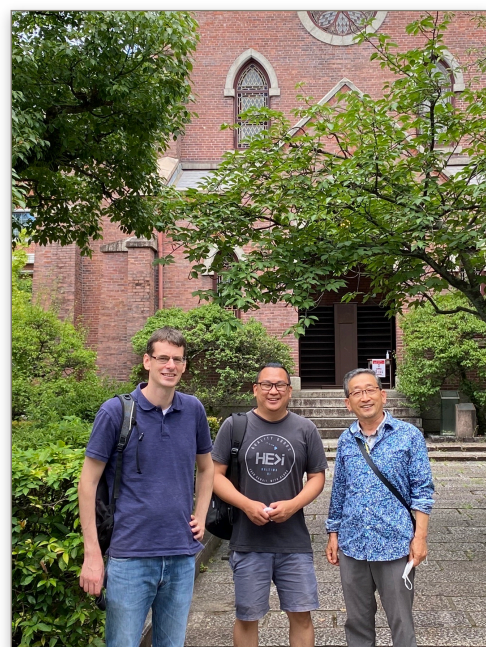
Dear Friends,

We weren't supposed to be here. The plan was to leave Japan in late March, right after we moved to Kyoto. That way, we could get settled in the fall. You see, every 5 years, the Japanese government makes us leave the country for 6 months so we don't pay double for Social Security. But Covid quarantines and high travel costs put an end to our spring plans. So we decided to stay for our oldest daughter Lela's first semester of elementary school and get adjusted to our new home.

Looking back, we're thankful God led us as he did. Over the past four months, we've gotten to know our new teammates (on right), made new friends, prepared for the next semester of ministry, and found a new church home. Thank you for your prayers! But now it's time to go.

Lela finishes school this Friday, so we'll be flying to Korea on July 19 to visit Jungshin's family. Then we'll be flying to the US in September and be back in Japan by January. While we're gone on home assignment, we hope to reconnect with family and friends, recruit more staff and students to join us in Kyoto, and raise additional funds for our next season of life and ministry. Even as we travel, we'll also do our best to keep you updated on what's happening with the ministry in Japan.

For now, we'll write again from Korea next month after I finish my last seminary assignment. Until then, thank you for your partnership!



Yours in Christ,
Ryan, Jungshin, Lela, Micah, & Hannah