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*Leader Care and Church Development  
in Japan and Greater Asia*



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WHO CHANGE THE MANY



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*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19*

## Ministry Building Blocks

**A**s I walked through many of the 1000 Torii gates at the Fushimi Inari Taisha in Kyoto last month, I thought of the pastors I have the privilege of serving. Their struggles are real, and spiritual victories precious. In a country where multi-layered relationships, syncretic religion and pervasive busyness combine to



complicate the ministry of the gospel, soul care is vital. I have worked with over 50 ministry leaders this past year, and have found that intimacy with Christ, strong marriages, re-creation and spiritual friendship are key components to the Christian life and leader resiliency.

Seminars, workshops and one-on-one meetings focus on our relationship with Christ.

By God's grace, Eriko and I have enjoyed 42 years of life together. Eriko finds joy in playing the cello and harp in addition to gardening. John enjoys biking and running.



**S**piritual friendships are integral to growth and change. Henry Cloud in his book, *Trust*, states that change cannot happen in isolation. Pastor Matsuda is a great friend whom I have known since moving to Sendai. Three Stream Ministries focuses on the simple triad of honest relationships with God and another leader.

**H**ome assignment starts in two weeks. Eriko and I will visit our son in Baltimore, and then Eriko returns to Japan to care for her mother. Here is the schedule:

## Home Assignment Schedule

### PRAISE

1. For opportunities to mentor young pastors and missionaries.
2. For you our supporters!
3. For good health.

### PRAYER

4. For Harumi to be saved.
5. For seminary student Tomonari Kitsunai.
6. For John's counseling and mentoring ministry.
7. For home assignment, 8/3-9/21.

### DAY OF PRAYER

July 1 is my next Day of Prayer. Please send me your requests!

- ♦ 8/5 Restoration Hill Church, Santa Rosa, CA
- ♦ 8/6 Sea View Baptist Church, Pacifica, CA
- ♦ 8/10 First Baptist Church, Tracy, CA (TBD)
- ♦ 8/11 Valley Baptist Church, Merced, CA
- ♦ 8/13 First Baptist Church, Turlock, CA (AM).  
Redemption Bible Church, Fresno, CA (PM)
- ♦ 8/16 Calvary Baptist Church, Fontana, CA (TBD)
- ♦ 8/20 First Baptist Church, Hawthorne, CA (TBD)
- ♦ 8/26-27 First Baptist Church, Oceanside, CA
- ♦ 9/3 Restoration Church, Goleta, CA
- ♦ 9/5 First Baptist Church, Monterey, CA
- ♦ 9/6 Morgan Hill Bible Church, Church on the Hill, San Jose,
- ♦ 9/7 CrossPointe Community Church, Redding, CA
- ♦ 9/10 First Baptist Church, Newport, OR
- ♦ Oregon City Christian Church TBD
- ♦ 9/17 First Baptist Church, Silverton, OR

Eriko and I thank the Lord for your faithful prayers and support!

Blessings,

*John for us*

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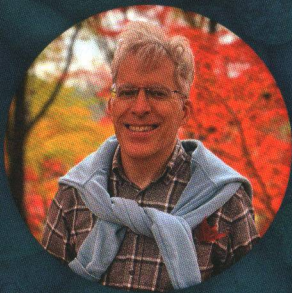
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