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CHANGING THE FEW
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

Joy from the Inside Out

The joy of the Lord is to be embraced, lived out and shared. Last December I had five MRI radiation treatments for prostate cancer. On the first day of treatment, I walked towards the radiology ward, praying as I went. When I crossed the busy Tohoku University Hospital lobby, a woman passed in front of me wearing a T Shirt that said, “Savor Joy,” in English. I was stopped in my tracks. In a moment, God changed my focus. I chose to savor joy. At the beginning of the first two sessions, I asked the technician pictured here if I could pray for the treatment. Before the third session, he said, “you can pray now.” The last treatment was on December 21. The next day our fifth grandson entered the world. His name? A Person Full of Joy (満喜人 Makito)!



It was a great joy to lead three sessions on resiliency at the Reaching Japanese for Christ International Conference early in March. The 80 attendees were able to develop their own resiliency plan. It provided times for networking, coaching and counseling as well.



The gospel is about proclaiming joy to the nations. Dede and Haruka Kashiwagura are experienced Japanese church planters with Missions Door, who recently moved to the San Diego area. I mentored Dede 20 years ago. They would appreciate your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENT Our mission agency, Asian Access, is expanding ministry to Africa and the Middle East, thus requiring a name change. We are now A3! You can see our new logo at the top of our letter.

PRAISE

1. For blessed times of teaching and networking at the Reaching Japanese for Christ (RJC) International Conference in March.
2. For the birth of our fifth grandson, Makito, to our daughter Christine and her husband Soichi.
3. For successful cancer treatment and healing for John.

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

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

Integrity 2025 Update

♦ Resiliency-Based Leadership Development Mentoring, coaching and equipping pastors and missionaries.

Spoke at Reaching Japanese for Christ International Conference in March. I will lead a series of soul care online workshops for Second Level Ministry this fall.

♦ Finishing-Well Consulting The desire to work with pastors and church boards to help them thrive in ministry and transition into retirement.

Sent out bimonthly newsletter in Japanese. Served at RJC International Conference in March, and meeting with a church in June.

♦ Fukushima Church Planting Helping Hokushin Calvary Church to connect with their community through Kids's Cafe, Orange Cafe and sports outreach.

60 kids came to Easter Kid's Cafe event.

♦ Leadership Development at Hokushin Calvary Church Mentor church leaders and train members.

Five church members wrote their own tracts in December, and are giving them out to friends and acquaintances.

♦ Marriage and Family Counseling Encourage couples and families through the hope of the gospel.

Increased ministry to overseas Japanese pastors. I will finish my fourth course from the Christian Counseling Education Foundation (CCEF) on May 28.

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

Blessings,

John for us

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