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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

The Ever-Present God



Immmanuel, God with us. As we come to the end of 2020, the world is facing the third wave of the coronavirus. In spite of multitude challenges, we have experienced God's abiding presence and blessings in amazing ways. Let us share with you all God is doing.

Kouki (shining light-Matthew 5:16) shown left, was **born** last July and his mom Christine (our daughter) and dad Soichi are thrilled to have him, not to mention grandma Eriko and grandpa John!

Hokushin Calvary Church has gone to three Sunday services. We also show services on YouTube. Mr. Noda, pictured here, was baptized in July! We are excited that we have been able to restart our monthly **Kid's Cafe** with a **drive thru** system. We have made shaved ice, slime and had a super ball rescue challenge. Families come to the front of the church, line up by family and receive goody bags and do a quick activity. Some of the families have come to church.



Orange Cafe is a new monthly ministry for those facing the challenges of memory loss. We have a mini-concert, exercises, short training, table talk and refreshments. New people come each month. I will start a Bible study soon with an attendee, Harumi, a gentleman in his 70s. The cafe is staffed by people in the church, many of whom are professionals in the areas of nursing, physical therapy and senior care.

Spiritual Formation webinar for pastors in the Philippines. In November I spend four days facilitating virtual training for 13 pastors in the Philippines with two Japanese pastors sharing on the first two days. It was a challenge as

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Shoei Ueki, as he translates my book, ***Resilience: How Japanese Pastors Can Thrive in Every Season***. He hopes to have the first draft done by the end of December.
2. For recovery and relief work in the Philippines after recent typhoons.
3. For my counseling and mentoring ministry with pastors.
4. For a youth pastor candidate and our elder board at Hokushin Calvary Church to discern the Lord's will.

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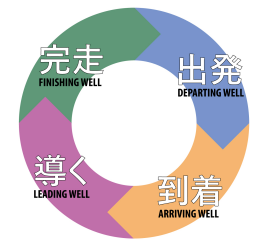
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the country was hit by two major typhoons during the time, so the training was spread over two weeks.

Resilience: How Japanese Pastors Can Thrive in Every Season

You prayed and God provided a perfect translator for my book! Shohei Ueki is a pastor, a runner, a Gordon Conwell Seminary graduate and is familiar with the challenges of ministry. The English version on Amazon should be out soon both as an ebook and paperback.



Day of Prayer for Our Supporters

Since April, I have made a commitment to take the first day of the month to pray for our support team. I have a regular schedule to intercede for you during the week, but additionally, I am taking part of a day each month to pray. Would you consider sharing your requests with me? You may email, text, call or message me. The next time will be on December 1 (November 30 US time).



Thank you! Eriko and I want to wish you a wonderful Christmas! We thank you so much for your faithful financial and prayer support especially during this difficult pandemic.

We would like to once again give you a year-end opportunity to help underwrite our support shortage. We are inviting ten

people to give \$40 a month or a one-time gift of \$480. Use the information to the left or the insert and envelope included in this mailing.

Partnering with you in ministry in Japan and Greater Asia,

John and Eriko

Ten for Forty Campaign

I would like to be one of the ten people to give \$40 a month or a one-time gift of \$480 to John and Eriko Houlette's support.

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