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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

Pain, Life and the Gospel

The first section of the **Joyful Christian Life** class at Hokushin Calvary Church concludes at the end of this month. It has been a wonderful privilege to equip members on being a disciple of Jesus, a pain-bearing church and a winsome witness.

We meet twice a month, once for teaching and once for presenting individual projects. We studied about and practiced prayer, lament and listening. Due to Covid 19, the church has not been able to have small group interaction these past two years, so attendees soaked up this



time of study, sharing and reflection. Hokushin is 50 miles from the Fukushima Number One Nuclear Reactor that imploded during the triple disaster of 2011, so members understand pain-bearing. Pastor Kuba and seminary intern Kitsunai lead the discussion groups. I will facilitate another three-month section starting in the fall.

Gospel witness at Hokushin takes different forms. I continue to meet with Harumi. He realizes that if he stops his dialysis, he could die in a few weeks. He is really thinking about life and death issues.

I was able to compare his dialysis treatment to a relationship with the life-giver, Jesus Christ. Another seeker, Ms. Fujiwara, a dental technician, shared last month at our Orange Cafe, about dental hygiene. She is in a Bible study with the pastor. Our multi-purpose court is getting a lot of use by kids in the community. Intern Kitsunai is thinking of ways to connect with them.



PRAISE

1. John receives the Office Fujikake Award for his book, **Resilience**, on July 22.
2. For the completion of two CCEF classes.

PRAYER

3. For Eriko's mom, Kyoko, and her health needs.
4. For the nation of Japan after the assassination of former Prime Minister Abe.
5. John's left arm PT.
6. For John and Eriko to have stamina for various teaching, music, counseling and training roles.
7. For Harumi to be saved.
8. For the launching of John's monthly newsletter, "A Water Station for Pastors."

DAY OF PRAYER

August 1 will be our next Day of Prayer.

Integrity 2025 Update

♦ **Resiliency-Based Leadership Training** Retreats, mentoring, coaching and seminars for pastors and missionaries. **I will be preparing curriculum the next few months.**

♦ **Finishing-Well Consulting** Working with pastors and church boards to help pastors thrive in ministry and transition into retirement. **Launching a monthly newsletter in Japanese for pastors from August. Making a bookmark to promote this.**

♦ **Fukushima Church Planting** Asian Access is spearheading an effort to partner with three other missions, OMF, SEND International and OM, to discern God's leading on partnering with Japanese churches to reach Fukushima Prefecture for Christ. **Looking at ways locally to connect with the Kids's Cafe, Orange Cafe and sports outreach.**

♦ **Leadership Development at Hokushin Calvary Church** Mentor church leaders and train members. Next **Joyful Christian Life Training section starts on September 1.** The focus is on being a Christ-follower, a pain-bearing church and a vibrant witness.

♦ **Marriage and Family Counseling** Encourage couples and families through the hope of the gospel. **I will start my third course from the Christian Counseling Education Foundation (CCEF) in October.**



Eriko and I give thanks to the Lord for your faithful prayers and support.

Blessings,

John and Eriko

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