



a missional partnership for Japan

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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

An Important Announcement

Greetings from Sendai! I trust that this letter finds you well.

After 42 years of full-time ministry in Japan, I will be retiring from SIM USA/A3 on **January 1st, 2026**. Eriko and I are profoundly grateful to the Lord and to each and every church and individual who has sacrificially given through prayer and finances to allow us to thrive in ministry for over four decades! Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for you!

Let me unpack what this means.

Eriko and I will retire in Sendai, Japan. We recently purchased a home here. Three of our four children currently live in Japan so we will be close to four of our grandkids!

Support need

We are asking you our supporters to continue to send in support through **December 31st, 2025**. This will help us finish well.

Ministry in retirement

I will continue Three Stream Ministries through counseling, coaching and mentoring leaders and consulting with churches and mission organizations.

Financing retirement

Between Social Security, savings, and retirement funds invested through WorldVenture and SIM USA, we will be in a good place.

Can we still send in support for you and Three Stream Ministries after your retirement?

Yes. SIM USA will allow us to keep our Ministry Account to help cover health insurance and ministry expenses in retirement. I hope to provide up to three sabbaticals a year for Japanese pastors. Ministry funds will be used to cover those expenses.

PRAYER

1. John will have a stent inserted into his heart April 17 to relieve blockage. He is feeling fine, and glad that doctors found this in February.
2. For youth pastor Tomonori Kitsunai, to thrive in ministry.
3. For Harumi's salvation.
4. For our retirement preparations and transition to next generation leaders.

PRAISE

1. We are enjoying our new home!
2. I finished my seventh and final class at CCEF in March.
3. I completed nine years of ministry at Hokushin Calvary Church on March 30th.

We will be in the US for a short **Final Home Assignment June 19 to August 12**. Please contact us if you would like to get together. We will be in the following areas:

Final Home Assignment Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
June 19-24	Time with family
June 24-26	Charlotte, NC (retirement at SIM USA headquarters)
June 26-July 11	Time with family
July 11-13	San Jose, CA (7/13 Church on the Hill)
July 14-19	Folsom, CA
July 19-23	Monterey, CA (7/20 FBC Monterey)
July 23-25	San Diego, CA (Japanese Christian Church of La Jolla outreach)
July 25-28	Pacifica, CA (7/27 Sea View Baptist Church)
July 28-August 1	Mentoring, Pacific Northwest
August 1-4	Morgan Hill, CA (8/3 Morgan Hill Bible Church)
August 4-7	Atlanta, GA (Second Level Ministry HQ)
August 7-10	Los Angeles, CA (8/10 FBC Hawthorne)
August 10-12	San Francisco, CA
August 12	Depart for Tokyo

Due to her mom's health, Eriko will return to Japan on July 14th.

Blessings,

John and Eriko

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