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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 Power of Words

Words—they are to be written, spoken, understood and sung. This current season of life has been a rich blend of them all. My book on resilience won the **Office Fujikake Award** for excellence in Christian counseling last July (left photo). In my work with leaders, I often use *lectio divina*, where individuals slow down to listen to the Word of God, write or sketch their observations.



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Whether connecting by Zoom or in-person, church planters, pastors and missionaries want a safe place to be understood. I meet via Zoom with a couple in North America who want to improve their marriage at the beginning of their church plant. I met with

two couples at the Renown Conference (right photo) who desire guidance in planning their sabbaticals. Last month I assisted a network of pastors learn and practice coaching skills.

Eriko is a remarkable musician. Last month she performed in a cello concert here in Sendai. She will sing in a Messiah choir December 10. She continues to play the piano at church.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We wanted to let you know that as of October 1, Eriko has transitioned out of her Asian Access responsibilities. She will continue to serve the church in Fukushima for the time being. She will be helping to care for her 89-year-old mother and our daughter Christine, who is expecting their second child soon. Our support needs have not changed. Thank you so much for supporting us for nearly 40 years!

PRAISE

1. For meaningful times of networking at the Renown (CPI) Conference.
2. For a wonderful family celebration recently.
3. For a good start to my newsletter, "A Water Station for Pastors."

PRAYER

4. For John's prostate cancer radiation treatment from December 12-21 (five treatments).
5. For our daughter Christine, who is due with their second child 12/25.
6. For Harumi to be saved.
7. For Hokushin Calvary Church Christmas outreaches.

DAY OF PRAYER

December 1 is my next Day of Prayer. Please send me any requests you may have!

Integrity 2025 Update

♦ **Resiliency-Based Leadership Development** **Mentoring, coaching and seminars for pastors and missionaries.** Enjoying many opportunities.

♦ **Finishing-Well Consulting** **The desire to work with pastors and church boards to help them thrive in ministry and transition into retirement.** Launched bimonthly newsletter in Japanese for pastors in August. Made a bookmark for promotion. New curriculum development from January.

♦ **Fukushima Church Planting** **Helping Hokushin Calvary Church to connect with their community through Kids's Cafe, Orange Cafe and sports outreach.** Youth are using the multi-purpose court.

♦ **Leadership Development at Hokushin Calvary Church** **Mentor church leaders and train members.** Joyful Christian Life Training II finishes 12/14. The focus is on being a Christ-follower, a pain-bearing church and a vibrant witness. **We will write our own personal tracts this month, "My Miracle."**

♦ **Marriage and Family Counseling** **Encourage couples and families through the hope of the gospel.** I finish my third course from the Christian Counseling Education Foundation (CCEF) December 14.

Eriko and I send you warm Advent greetings. We thank the Lord for your faithful prayers and support!

Immanuel,

John and Eriko



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Thankful to God for you!

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