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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

Tour de Thanks!

Ware on the home stretch—there are only six months left until we retire. The finish line is in sight and we can hear the cheers.

Forty two years of ministry has been a marathon, bike race and a relay event. Ministry in Japan is a long, joyful, God-paced journey not of speed or efficiency but of brokenness, grace, transformation, and intimacy with the one who sees. Jesus ran the most important race to the cross and heaven. The dynamic gospel has changed a multitude of lives. Now we are handing off the ministry baton to others.

We had amazing celebrations at Hokushin Calvary Church in March and A3 in April, and a passing of the baton in my role with the Member Care team.



PRAYER

1. For Harumi's salvation.
2. For safety in travel and blessed times during a busy short home assignment.
3. For our retirement preparations and transition to next generation leaders.

PRAISE

1. That John's stent procedure went well. He has more energy and is feeling well.
2. Youth Tomonori Kitsunai, was ordained June 29th.

What's next? We are in the US for two months and will be visiting many of you! We want to say thanks and celebrate what God has done through us TOGETHER! My son-in-law produced a beautiful video showcasing God's work over the past four decades. You can access it via the QR code through our web page on our new prayer card which is included here.

Then what? I return to Japan August 13. I have a full speaking schedule into the fall. Here are some things I hope to do from this summer into retirement:

- ♦Time with grandkids. We have six with another one on the way.
- ♦Travel with Eriko.
- ♦Exercise.
- ♦New hobbies?
- ♦Preach and teach.
- ♦Coach, counsel and mentor pastors and missionaries.
- ♦Prayer walks at daughter churches of the churches we started many years ago.
- ♦Provide sabbaticals for Japanese pastors from January. Probably two a year.

Thank you for your steadfast prayer and support!

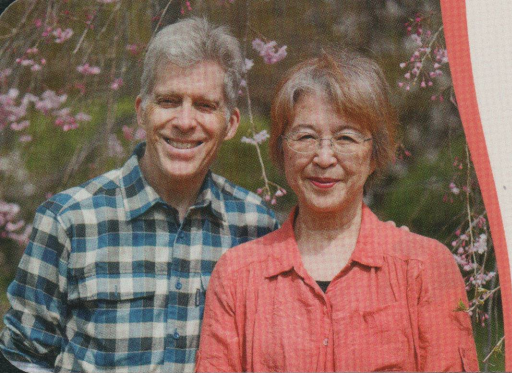
Blessings,

John and Eriko

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