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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

Speak, Your Servant is Listening

Tomonari Kitsunai was frustrated and tired at work, continually praying about his future. One day last year he took a ride on his motorcycle to clear his mind, but unfortunately ran into a guard rail, severely breaking his right leg. The doctors warned him that they might not be able to save his leg and he could face amputation. Tomonari, a worship leader at Hokushin Calvary Church, entrusted his life to the Lord and you also prayed. His leg was miraculously healed and he is able to walk. During his many months of rehabilitation, he spent time praying and studying God's Word.

God spoke to Tomonari through the Bible and by the summer, he began to sense that **he** might be the answer to the church's need for a youth pastor. For several months now, the church has been going through a discernment process to confirm God's leading. I was able guide this process for the elder board. On October 17, after presenting his call to the church (right) interviews with area pastors, church youth and lay leaders, recommendations and much prayer, Tomonari was called as a youth pastor/staff intern. He began a distance-learning, two-year pastoral training course earlier this month. He would appreciate your prayers as he has corrective surgery on 11/25 to straighten his leg.



Integrity 2025



In 1995, I stood on the Toda Koen Bridge, praying. At the time, the city of Toda had one church for 95,000 people. That bridge prayer time led Eriko and I to plant Saikyo Hope Chapel. Last month I stood on that same bridge (left), prayer walked in Toda (lower left), Tachikawa and Kawasaki (middle), revisiting our church plants and their daughter works, to intercede and seek God's face for the next steps for **Integrity 2025**.



PRAISE

1. That Mr. Kitsunai was called to be the youth pastor intern.
2. For a blessed JEMS Soul Care Retreat and Staying Resilient discussion groups.
3. For good health.

PRAYER

4. For strength for Eriko as she teaches secondary Japanese at Tohoku International school.
5. For John's counseling studies from January.
6. For God's direction for Fukushima church planting.

This time helped me to articulate the following strategic initiatives for the next four years:

♦ **Resiliency-Based Leadership Training** Retreats, mentoring, coaching and seminars for pastors and missionaries. (JEMS Retreat, 11/3-5 upper right.)

♦ **Finishing-Well Consulting** Working with pastors and church boards to help pastors thrive in ministry and transition into retirement.

♦ **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.

♦ **Leadership Development at Hokushin Calvary Church** I will continue to mentor church leaders.

♦ **Marriage and Family Counseling** I desire to encourage couples and families.



Eriko and I thank you for your support. Recently some of our financial partners had to discontinue support, so we are in need of \$300 a month in additional support. If you would like to help meet that need, please use the enclosed response form.

Have a blessed celebration of our Savior's birth!

John and Eriko

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Thankful to God for you!

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