Houlette Happenings June 2024



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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

a missional partnership for Japan

The Voice of God, the Voice of Man

ost evenings in our home, **Eriko** practices the cello or harp. I am always blessed to hear her play. It is said that the sound of a cello is like a human voice. The harp on the other hand, is a heavenly melody. Two instruments, two voices. Eriko recently performed with the Ginga Cello Ensemble (she is 4th from the right). It was a beautiful concert.



he Christian life is about paying attention to God and people. When we listen well, we can respond to his invitations and serve others. When I attentively listen to God, I am able to connect with people with

discernment. It can be challenging. My online counseling and coaching is in Japanese or English, and often multi-cultural.

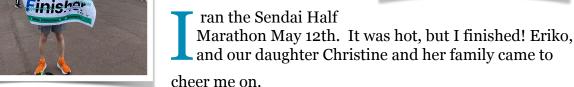


his practice can be one of collaborative speaking, such as with my mentee, **Pastor Matsuda**, at the Young Leaders Gathering last

March, or via Zoom for counseling, coaching, mentoring, consulting or staff

training. I had the privilege to be the keynote speaker for the **A3 Spring Retreat** last month as well.







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PRAYER

- For two men who study the Bible with me—Harumi and Naoki to believe in Christ.
- 2. For Tomonori
 Kitsunai, as he
 becomes our new
 youth pastor, at
 Hokushin.
- 3. For my speaking at the Pastors' Conference June 24-26.
- 4. For Church on the Hill, San Jose, who is sending a team of nine on July 19-24 to connect with youth through our multi-purpose sports court outreach.
- 5. For Mia, our new granddaughter!

DAY OF PRAYER

My Day of Prayer for our supporters is the first of every month. Please send me your requests!

Integrity 2025 Update

- *Resiliency-Based Leadership Development
 Mentoring, pastors and missionaries. Nine Mentees. Led
 Second Level Ministry Staff Training (2).* Facilitated a
 Lausanne Young Leaders Gathering workshop (1) and
 mentored leaders. Key note speaker at the A3 Spring Retreat
 (5). * (number of speaking sessions)
- * Finishing-Well Consulting Helping pastors and church boards to thrive in ministry and transition into retirement. I will speak at the Evangelical Free Church National Pastors' Conference June 24-26 in Tokyo.
- * Fukushima Church Planting Helping Hokushin Calvary Church connect with their community through Kids's Cafe, Orange Cafe and sports outreach. 50-60 kids, 20 adults attend the Orange Cafe. I am currently leading two seeker Bible studies. Will facilitate Kids Camp, Basketball Camp and Medical Cafe at Hokushin July 19-24.
- * Leadership Development at Hokushin Calvary Church Mentor church leaders and train members. Continue to mentor Pastor Kuba and new youth pastor, Tomonori Kitsunai.
- *Marriage and Family Counseling Encourage couples and families through the hope of the gospel. Six couples and one individual. Completed sixth course from CCEF. I have one more class scheduled for January 2025.

Eriko and I thank the Lord for your faithful prayers and support.

Blessings,

John and Eriko

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