



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*

The Voice of God, the Voice of Man

Most 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.



The 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.



This 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.



I ran the Sendai Half Marathon May 12th. It was hot, but I finished! Eriko, and our daughter Christine and her family came to cheer me on.

PRAYER

1. 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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