



Praise the Lord!

*Encouraging time at home in the States with family and friends

*A refreshing and special time with the Lord in the weeks in Japan before my team came

*Visa situation worked out for Kelly, Kermit and myself

*Moved into our new apartment without any injuries

*Entire team arrived by September 28

*All of our financial support is raised

*An amazing team of ministry partners (many of you)

✧ twists and turns ✧

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9

“Um, Dad and Mom? I think I might have to go back to Japan next week.” I broke the news to my parents over the phone as I was miles away in Seattle, WA and they were at home in CA. I had just learned that I needed to be back in Japan sooner than expected due to my expiring visa. Of course, not being able to spend the few extra weeks at home came as a disappointment to my family and me since I had been away for much of the summer, but the Lord knew I needed to be back in Japan.

Ironically, though the streets of Tokyo were crowded with people, I felt as though I could *finally* get quiet and right before the Lord when I arrived in Japan. There were friends and people in Japan I could see and visit, but for the most part I chose not to, especially during the 10 days I was fasting and praying in preparation for the year. I can see so clearly now why Jesus had me come back to Japan early though I had initially been disappointed. He knew my relationship with Him had to come first, but at home I continually put others before Him. As I begin a new year with a new STINT team, I’m praising the Lord that He’s in control and I’m not!!

Prayer Requests

1) Each of our team members would keep Jesus at the center of our lives (easier said than done!)

2) Wisdom and humility for Paul and me as we lead our team.

3) Smooth transition for our team as it’s the first time living overseas for most of them. Jared and Chris will move into their new apartment on October 15.



Both Tokyo STINT teams in CO for briefing in August



