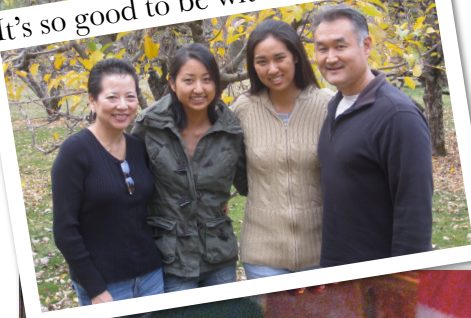


Jessica Joy's
JOURNEY *journal*

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(BACKGROUND PICTURES FROM MY FAMILY'S HOME)

It's so good to be with my family.



Prayer Points

- 1) *For the Japanese students who are celebrating their first Christmas as Christians. Pray that they'll be open with their families. This is the perfect time for them to share why they're happy to celebrate Christmas!*
- 2) *Praise God that I'm currently at 40% of my monthly financial goal.*
- 3) *Safety as I drive to Equipper's Conference with Yumi, Yuichiro and Yu. This is a conference for Japanese who became Christian in America and will return to Japan.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

✘ **Arigato Jesus** ✘

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

I am so glad and happy to be home for the holidays this year. Thanksgiving with my family seemed especially sweet and I'm loving the Christmas season. It's bittersweet thinking about future years in Japan - especially during Christmastime.

At the same time, much is happening in Japan that gives me great joy and I look forward to returning. Many students are celebrating their first Christmas as believers. I e-mailed Mika to ask her if Christmas would be different for her since this is her first year as a Christian. She wrote back saying, *"Yes! Clearly, my feeling is different for christmas. i enjoyed receiving some christmas presents on every christmas day past 19 years. BUT THIS CHRISTMAS IS DIFFERENT."*

i really thank Lord for sending us Jesus. Since i received jesus in my heart, I'm filled with his greatest love every day! every moment! so i cannot stop saying "Arigatou, jesus".

now i think that i don't wanna any christmas presents. But only thing i want to know more about jesus and thank JESUS on christmas day."



Mika's got the right idea. It's all about Jesus. No matter what we may be facing, we can thank Jesus that He understands because He's walked this earth. We can also thank Him for giving up his life for our sake - and that he's alive today. Thank you Jesus!