



ALEX & KATHRYN HUMPHREYS

Missionaries to Japan

SERVING THE YOUTH OF JAPAN

In our last newsletter we mentioned the 2018 youth camp which was held in March. This summer we were once again busy with the Tokyo area youth, taking part in the Jr. Camp in July and then the CA Convention in October. The Jr. Camp is very much like the Spring youth camp where many Jr. and Sr. high aged young people gather for a three day, two night camp style event. It is a great time for young people to come to know Jesus, be filled with the Holy Spirit, receive a call to ministry, receive deliverance from bondage and healing from

sickness. We both grew spiritually through our own experiences as young people and we see the great need for Japanese youth to encounter God before they get crushed by the pressures of this society.

The CA convention, although sponsored by the youth department, is actually aimed at young working adults and young couples. It is a single, overnight event where young business men and women can be encouraged spiritually in a relaxing atmosphere. Many of them are the only Christians in their workplace so they crave this type of interaction with believers in a like situation.

Please pray that many Japanese youth will encounter Christ before they get overwhelmed with "life" and pray too for the young adult believers in the workaday world that they will be empowered to live as salt and light.



Jr. Camp 2018



CA Convention 2018

ITS ITINERATION TIME AGAIN!

Can you believe it?! It is time for itineration again! Just to remind you, "itineration" is the word used to describe the time when missionaries return to the US, visit churches and individuals, reporting on the ministry from the past four years as well as share the vision for the future and securing needed prayer and financial support.

CONTACT US NOW!

We will be returning to the US in April of 2019 so if you are a pastor or missions director, PLEASE contact us now so that we can talk about scheduling a service or missions convention. Please pray for our return trip, specifically that our girls will transition well into American life. Please pray too that this time will be fruitful in raising awareness for the need in Japan.

SPEND YOURSELF

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CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS

- 1) Safe and fruitful year of itineration.
- 2) More missionaries to Japan.
- 3) More Japanese pastors and evangelists
- 4) Salvation for the Imperial family of Japan.



A visit to Miyajima: In front of the famous shrine gate (↑) and a traditional Shinto wedding procession. (↓)



ROCK POINT CHURCH'S MISSIONS CONVENTION

We just recently had the privilege to serve another church here in Japan by taking part in their missions convention. Rock Point Church is in the town of Iwakuni Japan. Iwakuni is home to a large detachment of US Marines and Navy servicepersons. The church is pastored by some wonderful missionaries, Scott and Leah Schesser.



We were able to share about all that God has done in our work in Tokyo. We focused on encouraging the members of Rock Point Church to know that they have been placed in Japan (by orders of Uncle Sam!) so that they can share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost and hurting Japanese people. We also encouraged the Japanese members of the church to know that God has a plan for them to share about their life in Jesus to their family, friends and co-workers. We wanted to make it clear that no matter what nationality we are, or what country we are living in, we have a call by God to be a living example of Jesus Christ to every person that we come in contact with. We are not all called to be full time missionaries, but we are all called to share Christ!

PART OF A GREAT TEAM

This past September we attending our Japan field's annual retreat. This year it was held at a quaint campground in the mountains of Nikko, just north of Tokyo. Alex was the country moderator from 2017-2018 but was not re-elected since our family will be returning to the US in April.



Every time we get together with our missionary "team" we remember how blessed we are. From our leaders to the newest members on the field, we are all happy to serve together. Having a team or family outside of America is so important. We can encourage each other in our ministries, hear the great things that God is doing in other parts of Japan, get ideas for creative outreaches and catch up with each other.

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A MIRACLE AT DISNEYLAND

For Kathryn's birthday our family took a trip to Tokyo Disneyland in September. While we were there, a young American woman came up to us, frantically asking for our help. It turns out that she was traveling alone and had lost her smartphone—which held all of the vital information for her trip.



Kathryn asked this young lady named Crystal if she was a "praying person". She said yes and so they prayed. God immediately helped us to find the phone! Whats more, it turns out that she lives in the same part of Maryland that we are from and that she attends a Church of God in Christ church, the sister churches of the Assemblies of God.

We encouraged her with our home church's prayer motto "Fear Not Isaiah 41:10". She was really blessed since that verse has played an important part in her life up to this point. Kathryn also encouraged Crystal to seek the Lord's clear direction for her life...we are hoping for a future as a missionary in Japan!

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ISAIAH 58:10



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