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Missionaries to Japan

## **WE ARE RETURNING TO THE US!**

It is amazing to think that 4 years have already passed but.... IT`S HERE...it`s time to return to the US for itineration!

Just to remind you, "itineration" is the word used to describe the time when missionaries return to the US and visit their supporting churches and individuals. On these visits we report on the ministry from the past four years as well as share the vision for the future; allowing us to secure needed prayer and financial support.

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**. The schedule is filling up so please see below about how to contact us.

Please pray for our return trip, specifically that our girls will transition well into American life. They have never attended school in the US so it will be a big change for them.

Please pray too that this time will be fruitful in raising awareness for the need in Japan. We hope that in every church we visit that individuals will feel the call to missions. No matter the age, gender or ethnicity we hope to see people feel the call to reach Japan, Asia and the world.

### **CONTACT US NOW TO SCHEDULE!**

Just as we mentioned above we will be returning to the States so if you are interested in having us share in a worship service, youth service, children's church, small group, missions convention, missions committee meeting etc. please contact us as soon as possible. The calendar is slowly starting to fill up but the pace will quicken in the next few months.

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# UNREACHED, FORGOTTEN...NO LONGER.

### **CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS**

- 1) Safe and fruitful year of itineration.
- 2) More people called to come as missionaries to Japan.
- 3) Strength for our Japanese church in our absence.
- 4) Meaningful reconnections with family and friends.



Our Thai Christian friend (†) and the girls: first Bangkok tuk-tuk ride (↓)



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#### A WONDERFUL WEDDING

One of the great things about serving in the same nation for an extended amount of time is the cultivation of ongoing relationships. We can watch these relationships grow and strengthen over time. Recently we were able to celebrate one of these relationships as two young pastors, who just graduated from the bible school last year, were married!

Pastors Yu and Hiroko Nakayama were married on Monday February 11. They met and fell in love during bible school but wanted to focus on their studies and therefore waited to get married until after they had graduated.

They will both be serving at a church on the southern island of Kyushu. We hope and pray that they will be blessed in their new marriage and that many people in their community will see the faithfulness and love of God through their relationship.



May I now presen Mr. and Mrs. Nakayamal

#### CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT KMA

The Asia Pacific region has recently been restructured and part of that is the introduction of "KMA"s. KMA stands for Key Ministry Area. This is a term applied to a group of missionaries within the region that have a like focus in their work. For example, church growth and development, international churches, children's ministries, compassion ministries etc. Each of these groups have unique skillsets and challenges that may not overlap with other groups. In these KMAs, missionaries gather together to pray, talk, share information and encourage one another. Think of it as "peer mentoring" or "iron sharpening iron". At the very beginning of February we were blessed to be able to attend the Church Growth and Development KMA which was held in Banakok, Thailand.

Church Growth and Development KMA which was held in Bangkok, Thailand. Forty plus missionaries gathered, worshipped and sought the Lord. During our time we were able to share with one another about the victories and the struggles that we were facing. It was also a great time to problem solve with each other, and hear how God had helped them to work through issues similar to what we ourselves also face.

#### LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!

Here in the churches of Japan February is always church business meeting season. In preparation for our meeting I was looking over the various statistics for the year 2018. I was so blessed to see that during this past year there were 7 salvations, 6 water baptisms and numerous Spirit baptisms!

These lives were changed for eternity thanks to the prayer support of individuals and churches. It is so amazing to see how God uses those of you in America to partner with us in Japan to reach the lost.

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