

ADAIR UPDATE



On the road to returning to Japan

PENNSYLVANIA IN THE FALL

Home assignment as space to reflect

I (Roberta) was looking forward to coming back to the US but felt anxious about going through reverse culture shock again. Additionally, I felt exhausted from a busy summer and a challenging end to our term. Yet despite having moments of being overwhelmed by the pace of English conversation, American friendliness, and the sheer size of grocery stores, my primary response to being back is gratitude.

Shortly after arriving in PA, I went to a monthly evening service at the church where I grew up. After sharing with 2 women who I had just met that I was weary, one prayed a beautiful prayer that I would reconnect with my Father and be reminded of my call to missions. Through the care and patience of friends and family as well as some coincidences in timing, I have sensed God's love.

Some examples of God's grace in timing:

- Our pastor began a 3 week sermon series using a book we recently finished as a mission team (*The Emotionally Healthy Church*).

- After several years of wanting to learn more about finances as a couple, our church started Financial Peace University a week after we arrived.

- We participated in a Christian book club that discussed the Japanese novel *Silence* - a book that is as disturbing as it is beautiful and that challenged my faith when I read it alone 5 years ago.

We are thankful for the fun privilege of reconnecting with many people who have been partnering with and praying for us for years - some even for decades. Although I struggled to talk about Japan at first, I believe God is reminding me about my call to missions, rekindling my love for the Japanese church, and restoring compassion for people who don't yet know him. I am grateful for home assignment, which is sometimes ambiguous and slow; sometimes stressful and fast. It is allowing me to reflect on 4 years of lessons, friendships, and God's work.



How many religions are represented in this picture?

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our financial status and goals for our time in the United States

We are in Japan to come alongside Japanese Christians and help them reach their friends, family, and neighbors for Christ. The provision of God through the generosity of his people funds our ministry in Japan. Please let me (Robert) take a moment to share where we have been, where we are, and what you can do to help. Also, we are committed to transparency, so if you ever have a question about how our finances work, please ask.

years and want to be responsible in raising our financial requirement for the next term.

What you can do to help

Do any of the follow examples represent your current situation?

- I am currently giving and will continue to support the ministry in Japan. *Thank you.*
- I am committed to supporting the ministry on a regular basis but you may not know that. *Thank you, and please let us know when you have a chance.*
- I give when I am able. *Thank you for your generosity.*
- I have given in the past but am unable to now. *Thank you for your partnership and continued prayers.*
- I have been thinking about giving. *Thank you, and please prayerfully consider joining our support team.*
- I gave for a while but haven't lately. *Thank you and please consider joining our support team again.*

While this section is about finances, we do not want our relationship with you to be negatively impacted by money. More than anything we need your prayers and encouragement. We value your partnership with the work in Japan. Ultimately what we do is about people encountering Jesus, which is a spiritual endeavor. Thank you for your love and prayers for the Japanese people and our family.

- R, R, J, & B



Where we've been

First, we want to express how thankful we are to all of you who have been financially supporting us through the years. We left for Japan in 2012 fully supported and were able to focus on ministry for our 4 1/2 years in the areas impacted by the tsunami and earthquake of 2011. While there was an ebb and flow of people cycling on and off our support team, we are thankful that we have not been in financial need this term and ended at a healthy spot. Also, our support account was able to handle the additions of Joseph and Benjamin to our family.



Where we are

In December we will be at our mission's headquarters in Charlotte to finalize our budget for the next 4-year term. At this point, we are not expecting any substantial changes. Depending on the final adjustments to our budget and our understanding of financial commitments that individuals have made, we are roughly 85% funded through regular committed gifts. The remaining 15% of our funding has been covered by the periodic giving by many people. We are grateful for people's generosity these last 5

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Prayer Requests

- For opportunities to practice Japanese and interact with Japanese people
- To be able to maintain our strong relationship with Shiogama Bible Baptist Church, our Japanese partner church
- That we would be able to raise the necessary finances for our coming term
- For safety during our travels throughout the country
- That God would provide a home for our family and church plant

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