



Dear family and friends: Greetings in the Lord!

We safely arrived in Tokyo, Japan on November 14th. The entry procedure was very smooth and quick. Praise God for His protection and provision throughout the trip. In Tokyo, we were warmly welcomed by our Alliance missionary team. Our team's lead couple allowed us to live with them and provided all necessities there. We are delighted to connect with team members and get to know them and their ministry activities. We are grateful that we can have team fellowship there and appreciate their sharing and prayers.



Thanks to God, after arriving in Fukuoka, the local pastors and church members had prepared well for us to settle into our new environment. Only after five days in Fukuoka, we had our first Sunday service on 11/26, where Alan preached for the first time in Fukuoka. The welcomes from church members are very warm. With God's strength we are able to dive into ministry right away, including a visitation to a cancer patient on the same day we arrived. We are very thankful for the smooth transition.



Our gratitude:

1. Thank God for answering our prayers mentioned in our [October Newsletter](#). Our time in China surpassed expectations, especially the meaningful reunion with Joan's siblings and their families. We gathered together to mourn the parents who passed away during the pandemic, rekindling connections that had grown distant due to the pandemic and the loss. Although none of Joan's siblings and family members have embraced faith yet, they willingly participated in memorial service in a Christ-centered manner and reflections. Subsequently, God also provided us with many timely opportunities to

share the gospel. During the stay, Joan's brother-in-law has expressed his openness to the Christian faith and showed the willingness to seek.

2. Thank God Alan had an opportunity to share a message at a wedding in China. The young couple used their wedding ceremony to sow the seeds of the Gospel. We witnessed the Gospel being shared to various people, even some business leaders. Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile".

3. Thanks be to God, although we traveled to five different cities with many activities and resource restrictions, God provided Alan many helps to overcome the difficulties and delivered three Mandarin sermons in November. You can click to watch the respective [sermons](#) below:

11/26: Unstoppable Gospel (Romans 1:8-15) - First onsite sermon in Fukuoka.

11/12: Breaking through in Renewed Mission (Mark 2:18-22) - Sunday Mission message from China.

11/12: Keeping Your Faith (Habakkuk 3) - Fukuoka online message

Our prayer requests:

1. Continue praying for our relatives and friends in China to come to faith. Despite the physical distance, may the Holy Spirit work in their hearts, overcoming barriers and connecting them with God. Pray for Joan's brother-in-law who is battling cancer. Pray for healing and peace from above. Pray that he will continue to know Jesus Christ and fully accept Him as his savior.

2. Pray for the future ministries at the Fukuoka church, especially in the planting of the new location. Pray that God unites us spiritually with the local pastor, brothers and sisters, working closely to widely spread the gospel. Though the future Sunday Worship may be in two places, the church remains one; personnel may vary, but the goal remains the same - to unite in Christ. We humbly ask the Lord to help and guide us on this pioneering path, continually relying on Him to lead the way.

3. For the preparation of the church Christmas celebration, gospel gatherings, let's pray that God uses this gathering to exalt His name, that the gospel may be heard, and people's hearts be moved by the grace of the Lord.

May the peace and joy of Christ be with us all,

Alan & Joan

*"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news," Isaiah 52:7*

*"在山上报佳音，传平安，报好信息，传扬救恩，那人的脚踪何等佳美啊" 以赛亚书 52:7*