JAPAN

Second Quarter 2023



Prayer Request Update

Brother Lucas' cataract and vitreous repair surgeries were successful. Thank you for your prayers. Since having the surgeries, he was able to pass vision tests for renewing his driver's license.

Welcome

We welcomed Jason and Cori Lucas, intermediate missionaries to Japan, on March 24th. We all had hoped they would be here months ago, but obtaining their visas was a long-drawnout process due to a massive inpouring of visa applicants with Japan recently lifting many Covid restrictions.

Sakura

In late March and early April, cherry blossoms (sakura) are abundant in Tokyo. Due to Covid restrictions, the last three years festivals were canceled. Sitting under the trees with friends, family, or colleagues and enjoying a picnic is the typical way to celebrate.



It is with mixed feelings that we will begin deputation in May. Of course, the great part of deputation is meeting friends, family and longtime partners as well as new partners. However, it also means leaving home and church and the work that we love.



All eight pieces of luggage arrived with Jason and Cori.



Jason & Cori Lucas at Ibaraki for Easter service.

Thank you Partners in Missions for your continued faithful support! We appreciate you!

Deputation (This is our 7th)

Tennessee	May 16-28
Georgia	May 30-June 4
Florida	June 6-18
Alabama	June 20-25
Mississippi	June 27-July 9
Louisiana	July 11-23
North Texas	July 25- Aug 5
Oklahoma	Aug 8-13
Missouri	Aug 15-20
Illinois	Aug 15-20
Indiana	Sept 19-24
UPCI GC	Sept 19- 22
Ohio	Sept 26-Oct 8
Michigan	Oct 10-15



Sister Amy Li has been working faithfully with us in Tokyo for a year as an AIMer. In celebration of her birthday, we visited Shibuya Sky, a new rooftop observation deck of the Tokyo cityscape. THANK YOU, Sister Amy, for your sacrifice and labor of love for Japan!

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