

Dear Friends and family,

We are so grateful for the financial support, your faithful prayers and the encouragement we receive from you. In answer to your prayers, God has continued to lift and sustain us through the good times as well as the difficult times and He also continues to provide opportunities for us to be used in His plans to encourage, lift and sustain others here in Japan.



We are especially grateful for the opportunities the Lord has already given to speak into the lives of a couple of young men who are part of the J Lodge community of customers and staff. Please keep us in your prayers and pray that God will grant many more opportunities to share His love and the life-giving message of salvation through faith in Jesus!



*As you can see, I've included a couple of pictures of J Lodge.*

It's empty now, as we go through a season of preparation looking toward the new semester and the reopening in April.

Finally the list of projects is getting smaller and it looks more and more like we will actually make our big April reopening in pretty good shape. As we design the web site, design and prepare

coupon flyers to hand out, and as we review the menu and take new pictures of smoothies and coffee drinks and wrap up some carpentry projects, ***The Lord has reminded me that all this is mere busy-work until the He breathes life into it.*** The point of all this is living by faith and responding to the Holy Spirit as He leads us to minister into the lives of people who do not yet know Him as well as many who do know Him but need encouragement in their lives as they struggle in their walk of faith.

***I recently read an email from someone who spoke of a Divine encounter he had experienced.*** When I read his letter it was inspiring to hear of how the Lord seemed to open doors into one person's heart. But it occurred to me that every encounter is a Divine encounter. If we are walking by faith in the Spirit then we know that Lord is directing our steps and bringing us into contact with the others around us. We may

not see or understand the impact He is having but the Lord can breath His life into the many encounters we have throughout each day, and sometimes we can actually see the results of His working through us into the lives of others and we rejoice with a special joy.

*In His classic work, *The Pursuit of God*, A. W. Tozer wrote this prayer:*

"Lord, teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the thousand raucous sounds which continuously assault them. Give me the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said to Thee, "Speak, for Thy servant heareth." Let me hear Thee speaking in my heart. Let me get used to the sound of Thy voice, that its tones may be familiar when the sounds of earth die away and the only sound will be the music of Thy speaking. Amen."

As we become more and more busy with the details of running a cafe, our prayer is that the Lord would tune our ears and our hearts to hear His voice and to respond in simple faith.

**And finally . . . .**

**Please pray with us for more laborers for the harvest!**

We will create an English Conversation outreach at Jlodge. This will be a great opportunity for short-term individuals and teams to come and provide some variety and spice to the ministry. It looks like we will be ready to receive someone for that position sometime later this year. If you are interested, please let us know and we will pray with you and help you start the process of applying to JEMS.

Thank you again for your support, your prayers and all the encouraging notes we receive from you. It really helps to know of your ongoing friendship and the fellowship we have in the Lord.

Sincerely,  
david and yuka mills

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**The Tokyo Gathering:**

an international, bi-lingual fellowship that meets  
on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 at the

Tokyo Prayer Center.

**The Jlodge Cafe:**

An outreach to the students at Tokai University. We serve coffees from around the world and we roast our coffee each week to insure maximum freshness.

We have live concerts each month. These are very fun and provide a great opportunity to meet new students and let them know about Jlodge events.

We provide English Conversation that includes content from the Bible.

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