



Dear Friends, Family and everyone in between,

Spring is here and the mosquitoes are loving it . . . and they are loving me too!! At the same time the weeds in the garden are, well, growing like weeds. We've put a lot of time into pulling them and so far we seem to be just about keeping up. But we've decided that we like the "natural" look of a garden!!

At the end of this month (very soon) Takashi kun will finish up his tenure at Jlodge. He has served here for three years and now he will go to New Zealand to continue learning as much as he can about coffee as he pursues a career in the coffee industry. We are seriously praying for others to join us at Jlodge. The ministry opportunities are incredible, the coffee is great and we would love to welcome you to work with us at Jlodge as a part of God's plan to reach the lost.

I won't kid you, the work is hard and the hours can be long but if you are ready, it could be the adventure of a lifetime. If you are interested, please let us know and we will begin praying with you and point you in the right direction to get started.

Tomorrow we will have our weekly prayer meeting. This is a "no-frills" prayer meeting!! We sing a few songs together to the Lord and then pray. We pray "spontaneously" as the Lord leads each of us and by the time we finish we have covered a lot of ground. And, although I said it's a "no-frills" meeting, every week Yuka fixes dinner for us. Right now (Wednesday evening) she is in the kitchen cooking dinner for tomorrow night and probably she will do some more cooking in the morning.

I am very grateful to the Lord for her. She and I are best friends and even after working together every day at Jlodge and often at meetings in the evenings, we still enjoy hanging out together or going for a walk or a hike in the nearby mountains. Our main rule when we go out together is "*no talking about Jlodge!!*"

We would appreciate your prayers about a new opportunity for us and Jlodge. After two years of absence, we have been invited to participate in an event at the Tokai University called On-shoku (Music & Food). Ten to twenty (not sure how many) business from the local community have been invited to set up booths and sell stuff to the students for three days in the first week of July. We have learned that it is a crazy time—very hectic and very tiring. It is also a very good chance to connect with more students, others in the community as well as faculty at the school.

Relationships with students continue to grow along with opportunities to share the Gospel. Do you remember Takahashi san? He is the young man who was diagnosed with cancer. He recently took his family to church! It was the first time they had ever been to a church. His new faith is really beginning to take hold and it is a delight to see.

Naoki kun joined our Sunday worship two weeks ago. We "happened" to be talking about what it is to stand before God without a mediator, without Jesus. It became a very good chance to share more of the Gospel with him and he really seems to be getting it. But, with his part time job and other distractions of student life, he is not consistently available. Please pray that God will enable us to continue planting seeds into his heart and that he will be responsive to the wooing of the Holy Spirit.

And finally, on a different note, as many of you know, our support level has dropped off sharply because a very generous supporter recently sold his business and is re-starting his life. He is unable to continue supporting us at this time. We are not sure just what this will mean, but for now, in the interest of good stewardship, we don't want to pull away from ministry to travel to the US to visit churches in order to raise additional support. We would appreciate your prayers and if you know of others who might want to join us all in this outreach to Japan, please let them know about us!

Very Sincerely,
david & yuka



Current Ministries:

Sunday mornings - a simple gathering of the body of Christ at Jlodge.

2nd Sunday evenings - a monthly worship and celebration with believers from several local churches.

Thursday Prayer - weekly meeting for prayer and worship

Kingdom Conversations - our daily coffee shop ministry at Jlodge of spiritual conversations over coffee

Monday Bible Studies - Evangelistic meetings in Machida and Kita-Yamata



Please Pray

Praise God for the coffee roaster He has provided!! It is small by industry standards but it's the perfect size for us.

for our financial support. We PRAISE GOD and thank you all for your prayers and financial support this past year. God uses those to sustain us and keep us here. But we now find ourselves in need of approximately \$3000 per month. Sound impossible? Let's see how God takes care of us!!

And please, as always, pray that God will bring many students into Jlodge and that they will have hungry and open hearts that thirst for true righteousness.



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