

"For the One Percent" is the newsletter of Todd and Jayne Fong, JEMS missionaries to the 1% of Japanese who are Christians in Japan. Our mission is to serve and encourage Japanese Christians with our spiritual gifts so that they may in turn reach out to the 99% of their nation who do not know Jesus Christ.

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Dear Mary,

From start to finish, January has been a busy month both in ministry opportunities and our personal lives. Jayne and the kids returned to school after Christmas break and have been busy with school activities, especially Jeremy, who has become one of the go-to photographers for his matsu (yearbook) staff. Ayumi turned 12 this month and had a crafting party with a few of her good friends from school. Besides her regular work, Jayne has continued to provide help to our church friend recovering from a stroke once per week.

Earlier this month, I formally joined the core team of the group lead by my friend and fellow



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Prayer Corner

Financial support update:

Praise the Lord for providing about half of our \$6,000 need (so far) to cover extra travel expenses for this year. Please pray for the Lord to help us cover the remaining need.

missionary Paul Nethercott to produce the full length feature film, "[2 Criminals](#)". I had already been informally helping Paul with photography at different events promoting the film (including [my trip with him to Sendai last November](#)) and was planning to be available during the actual production, so making a formal commitment to the project seemed like a natural step.

Our team hosted a team from Huntington University in Indiana, who came to Japan to film a pilot episode for a PBS series they are hoping to create. The episode focused on various aspects of Japanese culture, and we involved local Christians experts and artists in the production. Our hope is to work with Huntington University, a Christian university, in the filming of 2 Criminals, and this project was a test run to see how well we could work together. The experience turned out to be a huge success; the Huntington team was a pleasure to work with and they felt the same about us. We look forward to where the Lord leads us on this collaboration.

Soon after the Huntington team left, I went with our pastor and his son to Northern Thailand on a vision trip. Though our primary purpose was to document the coffee business of a Christian brother in his hill tribe village, we were also able to spend time with our pastor's cousin and his wife who are career missionaries serving the needs of the tribal

Praises for opportunities to start a fellowship with university students at our church. 12 students came to our first meeting and are excited about our regular meetings starting in April. Please continue to pray for this ministry and the students!

Praises for a wonderful vision trip to Thailand with our pastor. Please pray about developing partnerships with ministries in the area that we can send short term teams to serve with.

Praises for the opportunity to serve the church and high schoolers with a high school Sunday School class. So far, attendance has been great and the kids have enjoyed the class. Please pray we can develop a program that meets the kids at their spiritual level and helps them build a stronger relationship with Christ.

Please pray as Todd prepares to take the Japanese driving test in February (January was too packed to have time to figure out the complex process). After hearing many horror stories from friends, he is

people living in Northern Thailand. These tribes tend to be poor, have less access to education and healthcare, and are vulnerable to exploitation including human trafficking. The Lord opened our eyes to the needs of the people in this region and our church hopes to partner with these ministries to send support and short term teams to help them.

We also started our high school Sunday School ministry and English college fellowship meetings this month. I was thrilled to have almost a dozen students come to Sunday School and after 3 classes, the attendance has been steady. I'm so grateful to my old teaching partners Josh and Koko for being such great examples of teachers for me to emulate. We also had a dozen university students at our first college fellowship meeting and they seemed excited to return when we pick things up again after Spring Break (for Japanese students, Spring vacation is the equivalent of Summer vacation for American students).

The Lord has given me so many opportunities to use my photography skills to serve and bless other missionaries and ministries, here in Japan and even in Thailand. When we came to Japan, I didn't realize how much my photography skills would be needed, but I am glad to use what little gifts I have to help others who are serving the Lord alongside us. I have even started teaching a small group of

prepared to fail multiple times before passing. Pray for a miracle - passing on the first attempt!

Please pray for the kids to be spiritually well fed and supported by new friends here. CAJ has been a great spiritual support for them, but pray for other ways for them to build their relationship with Christ.

Please pray for each person in our family as we individually learn the Japanese language. We are all at different levels and getting instruction in different ways, but our goal is to speak, read and write at a literate level in the next 2-3 years. Each of us is dealing with the task of acquiring language in a different way as well. Pray for discipline in studying and practicing for each of us!

Please pray for opportunities to share the gospel with friends, students, and family. Pray that the Holy Spirit will use us when we don't have the right words.

Please pray for the students Jayne will be working with this semester, that they will

students some photography skills and I hope they will someday be equipped to help others as well.

We will be back in Northern California for a short visit this summer, attending Mt. Hermon and giving updates to our supporting churches and partners. As we develop a fuller schedule, we will keep you updated on events you can attend to talk to us. If you feel lead to [help offset the travel expenses](#) for the trip, we appreciate your support. Thank you for your prayers and support and we hope to see you soon!

Blessings,

Todd, Jayne, Jeremy and Ayumi

CAJ Is Hiring!

The Christian Academy in Japan has a number of openings for teaching staff in the 2015-2016 school year. If you or someone you know would like the opportunity to serve in Japan, please check the [job opportunities](#) and let us know if you're interested.

be receptive to her teaching and counseling.

Please pray for opportunities to share about our ministry with our partner churches, supporters and others when we visit Northern California in June-July this year.



A Glimpse of Northern



I Love To Tell The Story

Thailand

A vision trip to Thailand with our pastor was an experiencing in understanding God's heart for all His people.

[Full Story.](#)



A Lesson In Japanese Culture

Attending Miyabi, a three day crash course of Japanese culture. A potpourri of kimono, dance, flower arranging and other crafts.

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Working with a team from Huntington University enabled us to help talk about facets of Japanese culture from a distinctly Christian point of view.

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