
TIM & KIM MELTON

Serving in Nagoya, Japan



It's the most beautiful time of year again in Japan. Warmer days are bringing out the blossoms and lifting spirits as we look forward to all the activities this season brings.

Preparations for Easter services are in full swing. It has been a blessing to watch our church family practice and prepare their special music. Christian holidays are generally not celebrated in Japan outside of the church. While Christmas decorations are common, it has been surprising in recent years to see a few Easter decorations appearing here

**For as the earth
bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden
causeth the things that
are sown in it to spring
forth; so the Lord God
will cause
righteousness and
praise to spring forth
before all the nations.
~Isaiah 61:11**

and there. Although they tend to focus on eggs, candy, and the Easter Bunny, they still provide wonderful opportunities to start conversations about the true meaning of Easter. Please pray for open doors to share the gospel during this season.

In January, an American family joined us for the next two years. They were part of our church 18 years ago while working at Toyota, and the Lord has brought them back. They are eager to serve in any way they can, which has been a great encouragement to both our church family and to us. Please pray for this couple and their three children as they adjust to life in Japan.

Tim continues preparing for the missionary men's fellowship in Nagoya this October. He has secured a rental that will house all the men together, along with a meeting space. At this point, about 75% of the needed funds have been raised. If you would like to contribute, you can give through BWM at this link: <https://www.continuetogive.com/4932391>.

Praises and Prayer Requests:

- Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of the Z family. Please pray for their adjustment to life in Japan and that their willingness to serve will encourage others. E will begin teaching the ladies' Bible study on April 4th.
- Pray for the Leone family as they return to the U.S. to raise support. They will be stateside in May and June. If you are interested in scheduling a meeting, please contact Tim.
- Praise the Lord for safe travel for Kim, allowing her to spend time in the States with her mother and family. She will return to Japan on April 7.
- Please continue to pray for a national pastor for Calvary Baptist Church in Nagoya.
- Pray for strength and good health for us as we enter the busy late spring and summer season. The heat over the past two years has been intense, and we certainly feel it more with each passing year!

We praise the Lord for you—our faithful partners—who make it possible for us to continue serving in Japan.



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