



## October Newsletter

Dear family and friends in Christ,

Peace be with you in the Lord!

We reluctantly left Canada on Oct. 15th, where we had lived for more than 12 years. Before we officially enter into the Japan field, we felt a need to visit China for a short while. The main focus will be visiting family and friends, especially with Joan's two brothers, one sister and their families. We plan to meet together to mourn Joan's parents who both died during the pandemic. Since all of Joan's siblings and family members are not yet believers, there is a need to set aside some time and seek suitable opportunities to share the gospel with them.

Our gratitude:

1. We are very thankful that we arrived at Tokyo Airport on Oct 18th. Everything went smoothly. We were able to complete our baggage delivery procedure during the airport transfer. Thank God that all the checked baggage has arrived safely at our new home in Fukuoka.
2. We arrived in China just before Alan's Chinese visa entry date expires. We are very thankful that God's protection is with us. Although there are many restrictions in the country, and all of our Gmail, Yahoo, and Alliance emails are not available, God's grace is sufficient. We can still lead BSF Bible studies via Zoom. We can also meet and talk with our brothers and sisters in a variety of ways. We also met some brothers and sisters in Christ which we had not seen for more than ten years. It was a sweet reunion filled with encouragement and prayers for each other.
3. Alan has two mandarin sermons from Habakkuk this month, both of which were recorded for the Fukuoka Church in a tough environment. This sermon series is intended to help believers dealing with the end time judgments, tribulation events, and life challenges. It is also a timely series during the current conflict between Israel and Palestinians. It provided a framework for many believers: how can a righteous God allow judgement to fall upon his own people? The answer is: the righteous shall live by faith. Pray to God to use these as a blessing for brothers and sisters. (Click on the blue text to view the corresponding [October sermon message](#)):

10/08: When Your Faith Disappoints You (Habakkuk 1)

10/22: Building Your Faith Framework (Habakkuk 2)

Our prayer requests:

1. Pray God will keep us safe during our stay in the tough environment. Let us be witnesses of God's grace, clever but tame.
2. Pray for God's grace and mercy so that God's salvation can come to Joan's relative families as soon as possible. As we meet and communicate with one another, give us wisdom and opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray that God will soften their hearts and clear the obstacles.
3. Pray for the adaptation to the new environment in Japan and the work there. Pray for all the planned events in November. Pray for a smooth entry into Japan and a meeting with the team and staff there.
4. Alan has six messages to deliver in November. Pray for Alan to have the right words from God to build people up.

Peace and joy be with you all,

**Alan & Joan**

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news," Isaiah 52:7