



Dear family and friends: Greetings in the Lord!

Merry Christmas and happy New Year !



We just passed a busy yet fulfilling Christmas Eve evangelical meeting the day before yesterday!

It was wonderful to celebrate Christmas with brothers and sisters living in Japan!

We are so delightful to have a one-week old baby among us and her mom helped us a lot in settling down.



Even more joyful was that we witnessed the baptism of a young man, Praise be to the Lord! We are thankful that Alan's special Christmas Eve message was preached smoothly after that. Special message for Christmas Eve service: [The First and Unique Worship](#)

Our prayer requests: Pray for several seekers who had attended our Christmas Eve evangelical meeting. May God use this special message, that the salvation of Jesus is heard, and people's hearts be moved by the grace of the Lord.

During the Christmas season, we meditate on the great love of our Lord Jesus who was born on this world from high above. The challenges and difficulties brought about by language barriers, changes and discomfort in the new environment, the loneliness and limitations of being in a different land, all make us truly understand the significance of the birth of our Lord Jesus and His incarnation. This deeper sense of Jesus' Love and the connectedness with Him is something we treasure the most. We don't have to have any material gift at Christmas Eve, because we have already filled with His best in our hearts.

Looking back at the past year, Lord Jesus indeed raised us up to more than we can be. Therefore the lyrics of the song 'You raise me up' truly express our grateful hearts:

[You Raise Me Up](#) ((Violin by Alan Yin)

Hoping that the music and lyrics of this song become an encouragement and experience for everyone in this Season, or in times of difficulties and going forward. 🙏🙏

In the fourth week after our arrival in Fukuoka, Japan (12/17), our Fukuoka church officially started in-person worship services in separate locations(Areas in blue and green).



Thanks and praise be to God for paving the way and preparing our hearts for this! With God's help, we are gladly to take on the pastoral ministry in the new place. We pray that God will strengthen the church and grow the church according to his will. The followings are the December Christmas Roots Series, all are from Isaiah 11:1-10: ([December sermon messages](#) link)

- 12/10: The Source of Our Life Root Isaiah 11:1-10
- 12/17: Understanding True Wisdom in Life Isaiah 11:1-5
- 12/24: Understanding Our True Father Isaiah 11:1-10

We love the brothers and sisters here, they extended their helping arms to us and bring their homemade food to show their love to us. We enjoyed a small church's closeness here. Have a wonderful Christmas season and a blessed New Year! May we all be channels of blessings to other people and bring glory to our father in Heaven.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:14 NIV

Alan & Joan

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

*"在山上报佳音·传平安·报好信息·传扬救恩·那人的脚踪何等佳美啊" 以赛亚书 52:7*

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