



Dear family and friends: Greetings In the Lord!

At the end of March in Fukuoka, the trees are coming back to life and cherry blossoms are blooming. It's also the time to celebrate Easter this year! What a coincidence! It seems that all things too are proclaiming the mighty power and wonder of God's resurrection!



Our Gratitude:

1. The recent Sunday messages about Jesus' death and resurrection received a lot of good feedback and responses. The sermons on "Where did Christ go after His death?" and "Where did Christ go after His resurrection?" received many people's doubts.

One sister who came from China especially thanked us for hearing such sermons, saying that in the future, when she shares the Gospel with others, she can lead them to the truth more clearly. She also shared our website with her church in China, saying it would not only help the brothers and sisters there but also be useful for the young pastors because resources are scarce. We thank God for using our website and weekly sermon messages in unexpected ways, feeding the brothers and sisters and providing for those in need. We pray that God continues to empower us with the Holy Spirit, gives us the right words to speak, and keeps opening the hearts of the listeners. (Click on the blue text to watch the corresponding [sermon messages](#)).

2. During this past month, we have two new families who joined our Sunday worship. They came to Japan either for medical treatment or to accompany their family members for treatment. With the help of the church brothers and sisters, they found the church and attended our Sunday worship. Later, Alan specifically prayed for the needs of one sister. We pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of this sister's spouse, and the daughter-in-law of another sister, softening their hearts and leading them to God. We pray for their needs and the healing process. 🙏🙏

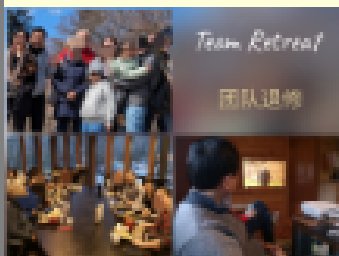


3. We are grateful for our first church family outdoor activity since the covid. Parents and children played soccer, jumped rope, played instruments, and had fun together. Through laughter and joy, connections and relationships were strengthened.

Also, during the park activity, the laughter and joy attracted two Chinese to come and talk to us. We pray that God gives us the opportunity to meet them again in future.



4. We are thankful for the C&MA Japan missionary team retreat in Tokyo. The retreat was held at the Karuzawa Fellowship Bible Camp, about 2 hours drive away from Tokyo. There were opportunities for open and in-depth sharing, as well as getting to know and interact with each other. During the four-day gathering, we learned about the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina through the cycle of reading, praying, meditation, and contemplation, in order to listen to God's voice better.



Our Prayers:

1. We pray for the monthly Gospel Sunday sermons, asking God to inspire the brothers and sisters to continue inviting new friends to church.
2. We continue to pray that God would use the personal connections and church activities to expand the church's influence locally, and to reach out to new families.

3. Pray that Alan would be able to have a regular one-on-one time with church deacons. May God work in the individual life through it to:

Deepen the relationship;

Create a safe place to share what's going on in life;

Provide encouragement and celebrate growth.

4. Please pray for Joan as she meets up with other sisters in the church and their friends, so that they can be an encouragement to one another and make Jesus known to new friends. The following flower arrangements are made by these gatherings. It saved money for the church decoration. It also increased the joy and the love towards God and each other. May God help us to continue the meaningful gatherings.



5. Pray for the planning of summer time evangelical outreach activities. May the Lord prepare people's hearts to receive His salvations.

6. Pray for the planned training and visitations to be meaningful, constructive, and creative. We pray for the pastors, brothers and sisters serving here, that everything they do would build up the church spiritually and effectively spread the Gospel.

Hallelujah! Praise the victorious Lord of resurrection! Death is no longer a dilemma for those who trust in Him but has become the gateway to new life.

Living our lives for Him!

Alan & Joan

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

"何山上好报喜，好平安，好福音，好报喜，好报喜，好报喜，好报喜，好报喜，好报喜，好报喜" 以赛亚书 52:7

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