



Prayer Letter #14 - January 2019

OUR DEPARTURE!

Greetings from Los Angeles! We are just a few hours away from departing to the field that God has called us to! We have been very busy in getting everything ready for our departure this month. Thank you so much for your faithful prayer for us especially during this time. God has been truly gracious in answering prayers so that our family can depart on the desired date, and it's amazing how time has gone by so fast to see this day unfold.

We are so grateful for your prayers for our son Matthias. The specialist surgeon was able to see us earlier than expected and also scheduled an appointment for his outpatient surgery. At first, we were supposed to wait until January 25th for his surgery, but a few hours later the surgeon office called to let us know that there has been an opening due to a cancellation. He was able to get the surgery done ten days ago, and he has fully recovered. Thank you so much for your fervent prayer and care for our son Matthias. It was your partnership of prayer that we were able to see God's provision for an early surgery and a healthy recovery.

We were also able to find a good shipping company for a good rate last month, and we were able to drop off our shipment just a few days ago to the warehouse. The shipment will take about two months, and we ask you to pray with us that we will

receive all of our household goods safely to Japan without any issues.

On January 13th, our home pastor and our home church family hosted a sending away service for our family. It was a very special time for all of us, and we are so grateful for the strong support of our church family. This gives us much confidence and faith in knowing that God is being glorified through His church as we all follow the Great Commission.

Our children have been doing very well, and they have been enjoying some memorable time with their friends, relatives and grandparents. We are so glad that we were able to spend some quality time with our loved ones for the last couple of months. It will be a very emotional time for all of us as we depart, but we know that God's perfect grace will strengthen us all. Even though we will not see each other often, we are very excited with much anticipation of what God has for us in the days to come in the mission work of Japan.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and support for us. We will keep you updated once again as we settle down in Japan. Please pray for a good safe departure, arrival, and a smooth transition through customs. We are excited about writing the next letter in Japan! Until then! God bless you!

In Christ,

PRAISE

- Matthias' outpatient surgery was very successful! Thank you so much for your prayers!
- We are able to leave on January 19th as planned!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for a good adjustment to the new culture and language as we live in Japan.
- Pray for our children's health, home schooling, and to make godly friends in Japan.
- Pray for wisdom and favor as we labor with Nishimaiko Baptist Church in Kobe, Japan.
- Pray for our language study to be effective and profitable.