

June 2021

Dear Pastors, Friends, and Faithful Supporters,

We are less than 3 months away from returning to Japan, but a lot has been happening in the U.S.

At the end of May, I (James) went with a team from Vision Baptist Church and <u>surveyed New</u> <u>York City with church planter Jon Canavan</u>. Since New York and Nagoya are both very large cities, much of what applies in New York can be applied to our upcoming work in Nagoya later this year. If you would like to hear about Jon Canavan's ministry, please be sure to listen to the special podcast episode we recorded in New York. (<u>http://reachingjapan.com/podcast</u>)

The week after the trip to New York, our family went to be part of the <u>Our Generation Missions</u> <u>Camp</u>. Both Rosie and I had the chance to teach and be involved. <u>Over a dozen young people</u> <u>surrendered their lives to the ministry</u>. We also had a number take steps toward the 2023 Japan Missions trip. Official pre-registration is open now: <u>https://reachingjapan.com/missions-trip</u>





Survey trip to NYC



Meanwhile in Japan, the <u>State of Emergency is scheduled to lift for outlying regions</u>. While things are not completely as open as we would like them to be, one recent report said that they plan to have all voluntary vaccinations completed by the end of October/November. This would be right around the time we would be looking to be back and starting a church, so **we are hopeful** about the situation.

Rosie teaching at camp



Finally, we are grateful that we have commitments for each Sunday and Wednesday before **returning to the field on August 26<sup>th</sup>**. It has been an encouragement to see many of our supporting churches and share what God has done. Please continue to pray for our safety as we travel to churches.

Thank you for continuing to pray for us and support us during this time. Please continue to lift us up in prayer and pray for the Lord to prepare hearts in Nagoya and prepare us for the work there!

Yours for Japan,

The Miyashita Family



Silas enjoyed camp too

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