

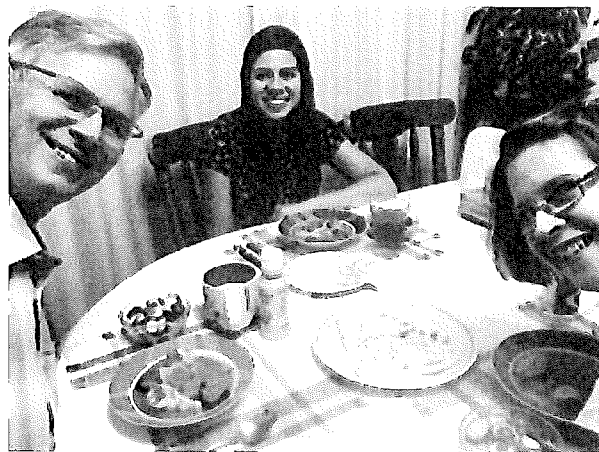
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Greetings from Japan!

Our monthly church prayer updates are sent to key contact persons in our supporting churches. Please let us know if anyone in your church leadership should be added to this list.

We praise God for a great two week August vacation in the mountains near Mount Fuji.

Another unanticipated praise has been Jessica arriving in Japan on August 27 as she is now in a time of transition! We're proud that she has now passed her father with the most advanced education degree in our family—a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. (Commencement ceremonies will be online on



September 26.) Although since April 3 Japan had only been allowing Japanese citizens back into the country, in mid-August that loosened slightly. She learned that with her Japan permanent residency status, if she came back before September 1, the only requirements would be to:

- take a COVID-19 test at the Tokyo airport,
- test negative (of course, she did!), and
- quarantine in our home for two weeks.

She'll be seeking God's wisdom for her next steps while staying with us for a month or two.

Our Prayer Requests for this month

Pray — For Jessica's ministry direction during this next season. She's open to a variety of options, and praying for God to provide some initial direction during the next few weeks.

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faith because of a recent traumatic event.

Pray — That as we move into the fall season, the Lord will give us vision and creativity in how to adjust and adopt ministry goals that align with the current environment.

Pray — For the weekly gospel Bible lessons we are continuing online with “K.” Every week she is newly amazed and impressed with what she is learning about how Jesus responded to the people around him. We love looking at Jesus anew through her eyes!

Pray — For Barbara's:

- Ministry with mothers. She's thinking and praying about new ways to reach moms struggling to raise kids in the current pandemic situation.
- Eyestrain. She's happy to have found an English-speaking ophthalmologist and confirmed that her eyes are healthy and there's no disease. They're now working toward a solution.

Pray — For Gary's:

- Responsibilities on our Asian Access Japan Leadership team.
- Need for wisdom in his mentoring and coaching relationships. (One of which is supporting and encouraging our current Asian Access Japan Acting Missionary Director while our permanent missionary director is on home assignment.)

Thank you for your partnership in prayer.

Gary & Barbara Bauman

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