



Tim, Miho, Kent, Naomi & George Walker

Prayer News: March 2022

Our big family news is that Kent, our eldest, is looking forward to being baptised! He'll be baptised along with several others on 20th March at our church in Manchester. We'd really value your prayers for Kent as he takes this big step, and also for us as we do our best to support and encourage him.

We will soon be joining in with the OMF National Conference in Derbyshire. The theme is Look, Listen, Learn. 'It will be all about stepping back, lifting our eyes to the wider world and listening to richness of voices the Lord has given his Church around the world.' We will be leading a seminar at the conference on 'Reaching and Learning from the Japanese'.



OMF National Conference 2022
11-13 March // Swanwick, Derbyshire

Students. We had an enjoyable food evening for Japanese students on 23rd Feb. It was good to welcome back students we'd had over to our home on previous occasions, after many of them had been out of the UK during the few weeks of the universities' winter break. One of the girls brought a friend of hers for the first time. K, our PhD student friend, couldn't make it this time due to study and teaching demands. But we were able to have him over for a meal shortly after this and catch up with

him. **Do pray that K would trust fully in the**

Lord Jesus. At the same time we had Ken with us, an MA student at the Nazarene Theological College in nearby Didsbury. In February Ken had joined us for our Heart for Japan Zoom call. Tim interviewed him then about growing up as part of a large Christian family in Japan (he's one of 12 children!), his years of working for a financial company there and his subsequent pastoral / theological training in the Philippines and now the UK. He has a vision for engaging younger Japanese with the gospel and will pastor a church upon his return to Japan. What he shared with us gave lots of insights and was encouraging for those who joined the call, each with a keen interest in Japanese outreach. **Pray for Ken as he continues his studies and prepares for years of ministry in Japan.**



Japanese students' food evening

March diary dates

- 7th Japanese women's Bible study (M)
- 8th Online Japanese returnee group Bible study (M)
- 9th Miho's Bible study + prayer with returnee friend
- 11th Word Alive International Track planning meeting (M)
- 11th - 13th OMF National Conference
- 15th Heart for Japan Zoom prayer group
- 19th Graduation ceremony at Japanese School
- 21st Japan Christian Link Council meeting (M)
- 21st - 24th DRM Europe Council meetings (T)
- 28th Japanese Returnee Retreat planning meeting (M) DRM
- Master Plan Review Meeting (T)
- 29th or 30th Japanese student meal
- April 3rd Easter event for toddler group families
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- Monday evenings Friends International iCafe
- Mondays and/or Wednesdays Tim meets Ko online
- Every Thursday Mothers & toddlers group

beset by illness for the first weeks of her placement, which was tough on her as she was raring to go. She has only recently been able to join in-person events. At the recent toddler group she joined us for, Heppy connected really well with the mums and has even made arrangements with one of them to have a language exchange. **Please ask the Lord to keep enabling and encouraging Heppy through this placement.**

Easter. We're looking ahead to an Easter event for the families of the toddler group, on 3rd April. This will be the first time we have put on an Easter event similar to the Christmas events we've done. We hope it will be well attended, as the Christmas ones were. **Please pray for our Easter event preparations and ask that the Lord would bring gospel fruit from them.**

Parenting course. Your prayers are being answered for the parenting course (for toddlers and primary school-age children), which started early Feb. Miho has now led 4 sessions after the Japanese toddler group and each time there have been 4 or 5 mothers join, all engaging well with the content and discussions. **Pray that Miho would be able to share a Christian perspective on parenting and also start Bible study with the mums.**

Heppy's placement. Last time we told you that a young lady called Heppy will be doing an OMF 'Serve Asia' placement with us. Heppy was

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