

Land of the Risen Son

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(Jesus loves Japan)

Interesting Facts

The Torii Gates

Found at the entrance of shinto shrines, these gates mark the transition from the sacred to the profane. The gates can be found at Buddhist Temples as well.

A Stone Torii (see right)

This Torii is one of the oldest in Japan. It has an inscription which bears the date of 1361. It is found at the Ashimori Hachimangu Shrine in Okayama.



"Floating" Torii (see right)

This is one of the most famous Toriis in Japan. It is located at the Itsukushima Shrine in Hiroshima. Both the shrine and its Torii are in the water when the tide is high.



Update: On the Road to Japan (Peter & Valerie Limmer)

Health Update

This past month, I (Valerie) was finally able to start working partial days from home after 2 months off of work. I mentioned in our last newsletter that I had been having trouble with extremely low energy levels. I have been on pretty heavy-duty medications at various points over the years because of back-related pain, though most of this pain has since been resolved. Apparently, the drugs built up in my system and I have been suffering from a toxic overload. The treatment that I am currently undergoing has been successful so far; I'm excited to be getting back to my former energy and endurance, but am so grateful for the lessons that I've learnt during this time (some of these are in our blog).

Man makes his plans...

As many of you know, when we first were accepted to Asian Access, our goal was to leave Canada by October. Missionaries with Asian Access do not have fixed departure dates; instead

God's
Perfect
Timing



departure is determined by when we have raised 100% of the funds required for our ministry. We knew that October would be an ambitious goal, particularly since we only started raising funds this past February.

Ultimately, we took Proverbs 16:9 as our motto: "Man makes his plans but the Lord directs his steps." Over our years of preparation, timing has rarely gone as we expect; God has constantly tweaked our timelines and taught us important lessons along the way. We realized that our departure date would be no exception, and were content to work as if we were departing in October but leave the final timing up to our Heavenly Father.

When we first started this process, we also had planned to go to Japan for two years. However, we have since felt a growing desire to expand our time in ministry to a three-year period. After that we plan to come back, take stock, and decide whether we'll go back to Japan as career missionaries.

If current trends continue, it is likely that we will reach 100% and leave in the March - May 2011 timeline, though we will continue to be ambitious and aim for February - March 2011. We are amazed at this progress; we understand from other missionaries and organizations that most first-time missionaries take 2-3 years to raise their required funds. How wonderfully blessed we have been by our Father's provision for our needs as we go through this process, and by your prayers and encouragement!

Contact Information

Thank You

Thank you for your interest in our work. We plan to send out newsletters every two months. If at any point you decide that you don't want to receive them anymore, just email (japan@peterandvalerie.com) or call us (905-848-2529).



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