

Land of the Risen Son

イエス・キリストは日本を愛する

(Jesus loves Japan)

Interesting Facts

Getting the mail...

North American GPS does not work here because there are no street names, and no street numbers! How does the mail get to us?

The Map

(where we live - see right)

Prefectures are divided into cities, sections, neighbourhoods, and block numbers. We live in Okinawa (prefecture), Itoman-Shi (city), Nishizaki (section), 3 (neighbourhood), 207 (block number).



"199" is where we live... it includes blocks numbers 199-207

Navigating

(Our "apato" - see right)

People will give you directions (i.e. a map) to find their place. They are based on well-known intersections. Be sure to keep the phone clear just in case you get lost!



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

Getting Here

Where do we begin? The last two months have been a whirlwind of activity: getting our paperwork in order; packing, selling, or giving away all of our earthly belongings; saying goodbye to friends and family; and... stepping into a new culture, vastly different from our own.

Thank you to all of you who came to the worship night we held on August 20th. You were, and continue to be, an amazing encouragement to us. Thank you also to those of you who helped us pack and move. We really couldn't have done this without you - and also kept our health and sanity!

New Beginnings

During our first few weeks in Japan, we stayed at "Seaside Chapel", which is the church that we will be helping to establish in its new community during the first part of our tenure here. Since our arrival we have felt so loved and cared for by Higa Sensei (the pastor of Seaside Chapel) and Tsuneko Sensei (his wife). They have really taken us under their wing, and truly are examples of



Higa Sensei & Tsuneko Sensei (Pastors of Seaside Chapel)

God's wisdom, patience, and graciousness to us.

In our first week here, we had a chance to meet all of the pastors whose churches are involved in the current Okinawan church multiplication network (there are six in total), and five Japanese couples who have been designated to start new churches. Two are in the initial phases of church development using different methods which we'll outline in one of our future newsletters.

In the meantime, it's amazing to see how God has specially equipped us to serve in Japan, and with Seaside Chapel in particular. In some instances they have been praying for someone to come along (e.g., to teach violin) for the past year, only to find that we can meet that need in some way (e.g., Peter can teach violin).

On October 2nd we moved into the new apartment which the church had found for us. We are living on the top floor of a four-story building which promises to make us fitter (no elevator), and are really enjoying finally having a place to call home. Across the street from us is a lovely park, and nearby we have a post office (where we do our banking), grocery store, karaoke, and Okinawan soba restaurant.

We have now given our greeting gifts to our neighbours (maple tea, from PEI), and are looking forward to continuing those relationships in the weeks and months to come.

Other Resources

For those of you with computers, we have instituted a "Partners' Corner" section in our redesigned website. This comes complete with the "Ministry Blog" which we started when we first joined Asian Access, as well as a "What Is It?" blog on which we will be posting some of the weird and wonderful differences between the Canadian and Japanese cultures.

Please note our new Japanese address at the bottom of this letter.

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 us (japan@peterandvalerie.com).

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