

# Land of the Risen Son

## イエス・キリストは日本を愛する

(Jesus loves Japan)

### Interesting Facts

#### Olympics

As the summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro are taking place, people in Japan have one eye there and one eye on the 2020 games in Tokyo.

#### History

Japan first participated at the Olympics starting in 1912. They have attended all but two Olympics. After World War II Japan was not invited to the 1948 games; and when the US boycotted the games in Moscow, Japan followed suit.



#### Medals

Japan had a total of 398 Olympic medals before Rio, giving it 12th place in all-time number of medals won at the summer games. It also ranks 1st in medals won for Judo (70), with an astounding 34 gold medals in that event.



### Update: A Singular Sojourn (Peter & Valerie Limmer)

#### Continued Ministry...

Once upon a time, we wrote about our friend in Okinawa, Trent, who asked us to transport his greetings to someone who has a Japanese restaurant in Toronto. We did this in May, and had the pleasure of meeting a man we'll call Travis. He warmly welcomed us to his shop, and took time out of his busy schedule to talk with us at length.

At the end of our visit, he invited us to attend the "Toronto Kyuyokai"—an annual summer gathering for Okinawan people. During that time, we had an opportunity to meet many people with Okinawan heritage. Peter connected really deeply with a young man we'll call Chris, who seemed very lonely. The two of them struck up a friendship. I wouldn't talk with Peter for the next several hours that day, because he and Chris were in such deep conversation!

Okinawans are an extremely close-knit community. Even when they move away from the island, they still tend to band together—to a much greater extent than other Japanese people do. We hypothesize that this is partly because they used to be their own country, separate from the rest



With Travis and the head chef at his restaurant.

of Japan; and they have a long history of shared suffering.

Once every five years, thousands of people with Okinawan heritage return from all over the world to Okinawa for an "Uchinanchu Festival". The prefecture of Okinawa throws parades and major events welcoming them home. It also sponsors guest lectures, music, karate demonstrations, and other events to help educate visitors on their own culture and heritage.

It turns out that we'll be able to connect with Chris and several of the other people we met this summer again—in Okinawa! They will be visiting later this year for the festival, just after Peter and I return.

#### Wrapping Up

Over the last several months, we've been meeting with literally hundreds of

families, and thousands of people: lunch meetings, dinner meetings, meetings for afternoon tea, and even the occasional breakfast meeting. Phew! Our time in Canada is winding down—we're now in our last month. We've truly enjoyed spending time with many of you. The unfortunate truth is that as much as we've tried to pack into our time, we've still not been able to get together with everyone we care about. We find this quite heartbreaking. If you're one of those people with whom we've not been able to meet, we hope that you will forgive us.

In our last missionary cycle, we were in Japan for 4 years, and back in Canada for just under one. Next time, we plan to be in Japan for 2 years, and back in Canada for 4 months. We hope that we will have an opportunity to meet with more of you then. When we return to Japan, we can make ourselves available via telephone or Skype if you'd like to connect before we're next back in Canada. Just send us a letter or email to let us know! We'd love to chat.

#### Other Information

- Our departure date is set for September 23rd! We will first be flying to Europe for a conference with GOM before continuing on to Japan.

- Please don't forget about our Worship and Thanksgiving Night on September 10th. It will be from 7 to 9pm at Willowdale Baptist Church (15 Olive Ave., North York, ON, M2N 4N4). Please bring a 4x6" picture of yourself to include in a book of messages to the people of Okinawa. If you don't get a chance to RSVP, please don't worry about it. We'd love for you to come anyway! There will be cake...
- We've now completed our blog series on the topic of forgiveness. If you have internet, please check it out at:  
http://peterandvalerie.com/PartnersCorner/Blog/index.php
- In publishing my book, *On the Potter's Wheel*, we ran into a problem and had to switch publishers. The new release date will be September 20th.
- If you would like to help out in marketing my book, please go to the web address below to fill out a two-minute anonymous survey.  
https://surveyplanet.com/5781081ef22b2ed16daa15dd  
The more thorough your answers, the more helpful your survey will be!



Some of you may be interested in trying out an authentic Okinawan meal. You can have one in Toronto! The food is great. When we were feeling homesick for Okinawa we went and had a great time there!

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THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

# Soft Vanilla Milk Jello

*I first learned this recipe from one of my Japanese friends.  
Now, I use it all the time as a tasty treat!*

Preparation Time: 15 minutes  
Chill Time: 2 hours  
Yield: 6-8 servings

## Ingredients

- 15g gelatine powder
- 270mL water
- 75g (5.5 tbsp) sugar
- 200mL fresh cream
- 600mL milk
- Vanilla extract to taste (alternate flavour: almond extract)

## TOPPING:

Favourite fruit (example: strawberry, clementines, apple, pineapple, dried cranberries, grapes, mint leaves, etc.);  
canned fruit is also good.

## Directions

1. Heat water in kettle and pour into large bowl with sugar. After dissolving sugar, add gelatine.
2. Mix in cream, milk, and extract. Cool in fridge for 1-2 hours (or cool in freezer for 30-60 minutes).
3. Decorate in individual serving bowls / glasses with toppings (or mix toppings in before cooling, during step 2).



## Contact Information

### Thank You!

Thank you for your interest in our work. We send out newsletters every two months. If at any point you decide that you don't want to receive them anymore, just write or email us.

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