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November 2016 - "O-ha-yo from Chandler & Debbie Im in Tokyo"

O-ha-yo (pronounced similar to "Ohio") means "Good morning!" in Japanese. Go ahead, grab green tea (Chandler's choice) or black coffee (Debbie's choice), and spend 5 minutes with & for us, reading this email, followed by a short prayer for us later. Here are some updates from the Im family: Chandler & Debbie in Tokyo, Japan; Sabrina in Seoul, Korea; Isaiah in Brisbane, Australia.

CHANDLER:

- August 29, 2016: upon arrival at Tokyo Narita Airport, I received a 3-year employment (specialist) visa, along with a 3-year-valid Japan residence card. PTL! Started living in Nakano-ku (district) of Tokyo, near Shin-Egota Station, located by subway 15 minutes NW of Shinjuku Station, the world's busiest train station.
- Sept. 1: first day of ministry as chaplain & international advisor of Tokyo Waseda International Christian School (WICS) in Shinjuku, Tokyo. I am responsible for the Wed. chapel services and teach Bible classes on Mon. & Thu. to the WICS students here. Also, five teachers of WICS and I meet every Tue. at 5- 6 pm to read/study the Bible & to pray together for our students and school, and for the residents of Tokyo & Japan.
- Sept. 27-30 in Kobe: participated in the 6th Japan Congress for Evangelization, in which about 2,000 Japanese pastors and leaders along with international missionaries gathered. This congress takes place every seven years.
- Oct. 28-29 in North SF Bay Area: I was "honored" with a recognition plaque (for my "good humor, warmth, and spiritual depth" and Kingdom service) at the annual summit of the Ethnic America Network, with which I served for 8 years --from July 2008 to August 2016.
- I can read *hiragana* and know about 700 kanji characters (Chinese words), which is a huge help in navigating the (complex) streets of Tokyo. However, I still need to work harder and spend more time for the Japanese language acquisition.

DEBBIE:

- Oct. 1: arrived in Tokyo, her *very first time* to set a foot on Japanese soil.
- Since Debbie has been studying Japanese for about 30-plus years on and off, including minoring in Japanese in college, she can carry on casual conversations in Japanese. She has been

adjusting exceptionally well, and has told me: "Oh, I don't feel like I am living in a foreign country." She's studying Japanese three hours a day, five days a week, at a Japanese language school now.

SABRINA:

- September-December: attending Yonsei University in Seoul as a study-abroad student from Mount Holyoke College (MA). I also attended this university in 1986 as a study-abroad student from Boston University. Her health is much better than before, many thanks to God and great Korean food. Thank you for your prayers.

ISAIAH:

- October 2016-April 2017: taking a gap year & doing his 6-month YWAM (Video & Photography) DTS (mission training) program in Brisbane, Australia.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Japanese language acquisition process (Chandler) & proficiency improvement (Debbie).
- Physical health and spiritual well-being (Sabrina, age 20).
- Our son (Isaiah, age 18) has to raise by Nov. 15 about half (U.S. \$4,000) of the mission funds (total program costs: U.S. \$8,000) which are needed to complete his second half (international outreach portion, Jan.-April 2017) of the YWAM (Video & Photography) DTS Program. If interested in supporting his mission, you can send your checks to my mission agency (SEED, see below) on his behalf, or please click this link to make a direct one-time donation by credit card for Isaiah: <https://secure.goywam.com/checkout>
- Debbie and I are still looking for a local church to become part of and grow with.
- For the Japanese and many diaspora people groups (from China, Korea, Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam, etc.) in Japan. As of 2015, according to the Japan Evangelism Association, only 0.48% of the population in Japan is Christian--Catholic, Orthodox, and all the Protestant denominations' numbers combined. The percentage of the Evangelical Christians in Japan would be around 0.3%, I presume.
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