

My Mother has Cancer

Back in March my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Throughout March and April she tried to get an MRI and other tests done to determine the severity and best treatment. However, because of Covid-19 her doctor could not get the tests done until May. So we waited and prayed for two months. Finally in the 3rd week of May we got the results. Mom has two different types of cancers in her breasts. And also has nodules on her thyroid. The doctor was very concerned about this, and **recommended a double mastectomy immediately. Her surgery will be May 28th.**

The doctor is also concerned that she may have cancer in her lymph nodes. So during the surgery they will remove one of her lymph nodes and do a biopsy to determine if it has spread to her lymphatic system. If it is in her lymph nodes she will need chemo therapy. **Join us in praying that all the cancer would be removed in this surgery and that it has not spread to other parts of her body.**

Temporarily Returning to America

Because of the uncertainty with my mother's cancer, we have consulted with our mission board and our pastor on the best course of action. Through their council, **we have determined to return to the states temporarily to be with my mother during her surgery and recovery.** This has been an extremely difficult decision for me. Primarily because the church is still in its infancy and because of Japanese travel restrictions due to Covid-19. Currently there is a travel ban on people coming from America, that will keep us from reentering Japan once we leave. However, Japan has been lessening restrictions this month, and most likely the travel ban will end in June or July.

Also because of the risks with mom's surgery and the infectiousness of Covid-19 we will be in quarantine for 14 days upon our arrival. After which we will be able to see her and help her through her recovery. However, during her recovery we will also need to quarantine to protect mom from infection until the end of June.

Ministry Outlook

We are so thankful to our friends and ministry partners **James and Rosie Miyashita!** **Because of them the ministry will be able to continue during our absence.** James will be filling in for me, and Rosie will be taking care of the ministries Rebel was working on.

Currently we are uncertain exactly when we will be able to return to Japan, but if everything goes well we could return in July. **There are two key factors we need your help in praying.**

1. Mom's surgery, recovery and the absence of cancer in her lymphatic system.
2. Japan to lift the Covid-19 travel ban

On the Radio in Niigata!

Even though we are temporarily travelling back, God has been doing some amazing things in the ministry. **On May 12th, I was interviewed by FM Niigata (A popular radio station in our city) about our English Ministry.** Because of the national state of emergency we decided to make the class available on Zoom, and FM Niigata picked up on it and introduced it live on the radio. **I was also able to talk about our ministry and Jesus' love for Niigata.** Since then, our English corner has grown.

Continuing to help from America

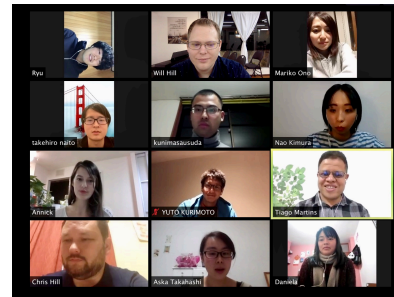
Even though I'll be in America, I'll be able to continue reaching out to people through the English outreach on Zoom. Every Wednesday I'll be doing the class while I'm here.

Additionally I'll still be coordinating with James about the ministry and talking with our people via online communication.

Trusting God in uncertain times

We continue to trust our God in all of this. We know He is faithful. He is good. He is worthy. Whether we live or die, God is good. And we trust that no matter what happens He will work things out for good. I thank you for your prayers for my family and the ministry. Thank you to each Pastor and supporting church for your kindness and encouragement. It is truly a blessing to serve with you.

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English Corner on Zoom

We are excited for the opportunities that God continues to open up for us through the English outreach ministry. My brother Chris and another man from our church has been helping with the class as it has grown. Please pray that through the classes, God would continue to open doors of opportunity to share the gospel and minister to people. We've had several visitors to church through the English outreach in the past, and we pray many more will also come!

Prayer Requests

1. Mom's surgery, recovery and for her cancer not to spread
2. Safe travels to and from America
3. That we wouldn't get sick while travelling (That would prevent us from seeing my mom for even longer)
4. Japan to lift the travel ban so that we can return as soon as possible
5. For the Miyashitas as they carry on the ministry for us while we are away
6. For the church's spiritual growth while we are away
7. That God would use our absence as a way of strengthening the church plant
8. Salvation: Yuki, Satou, Kamegai, Yuko, Hasegawa, Sakata, Watanabe (F), Yuen, Sean, Matsuki, Kawasaki, Koide, Chouko, Hisami, Emi, Naoko, Momo, Fumiko Takahashi, Takeshi, Maho, Usuda, Nagayama, Sachi, Watanabe (M), Suzuki, Motoki, Koizumi and more

Thank you for praying! Your prayers really are making a difference!

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