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Special events since our last newsletter:

- short whirlwind trip end of July to the USA to see family (we saw everyone!)
- visit to Japan by son Jon and Annaliese and their 2 little ones (what fun!**); vacation time at Lake Nojiri (see ↓)
- Japan Lausanne Committee vision retreat
- Praise and worship time at the Kohokudai Reformed Church (ouch**)
- Preaching and greetings at celebration and dedication of the new Utsunomiya Church building
- Retirement of my administrative assistant Mrs. Ishimori and start of new office worker Mrs. Sugiura
- Groundbreakings for two other small congregations putting up new facilities (in Chichibu and Niigata)

**** Jonathan**, after making the trans-Pacific trip with a 3-yr-old and 1-yr-old: *"Dad, how in the world did you guys do that with **FOUR** kids?!?"* **Me:** (hah, hah, hah!)

**** Believer** during the sharing time after the praise and worship celebration: *"It felt so good just to stand up and sing praises to God. I never got sleepy at all like I do if I'm listening to the preacher!"* **Me:** "Ouch!"



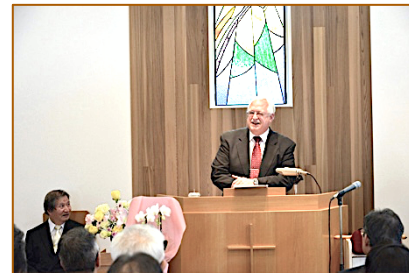
Special events coming up:

- Reformed Church in Japan General Assembly in Yokohama (and translating for the boss, Resonate Global Mission executive director Zachary King, coming to Japan for a few days on his 1st visit to Asia)
- Continuing sermon series at Kawagoe Evangelistic Station (helping this congregation regroup and build evangelistic momentum)
- Special speaking engagements: 11/3 "The future of the church" lecture and challenge to the believers' retreat of East Kanto Presbytery in Chiba Prefecture; 11/4 special evangelistic service at Izumi Evangelistic Station (Yokohama); 11/11 "sanbi" (praise) worship service at

Kamifukuoka Church; 11/12 addressing and challenging the pastors association of the Eastern Presbytery (Tokyo)
 -- Prepare and register with 5 Japanese believers to attend the 2019 Symposium on Worship at Calvin College and Seminary

Prayer items:

- Pray for our God's mercy on Japan and plead for spiritual breakthroughs in this resistant nation!
- Thank the Lord for progress that has been made to ease tensions with our nuclear-armed neighbor.
- Pray for the needed financial and spiritual support to come in to keep us in Japan.
- Thank God for our new office assistant, Mrs. Izumi Sugiura, deacon of Tanashi Reformed Church.
- Pray for God's blessing on the special "sanbi" (praise) worship service on November 11 at Kamifukuoka Church, when we will be deploying some young musicians and challenging our youth (and others!) to devote themselves to God's service.



Advanced notice of "home assignment" plans:

- We were supposed to go on "home service" for 6 months in 2019, but have received approval instead not to spend such a long stretch away from the ministries here. Instead, I will spend 3 weeks in January and then be in the USA for 8-10 weeks in the summer, same for both 2019 and 2020. Please pray for wisdom and good responses as I try to plan and implement effective visits! I will soon be in touch about this! ☺

Rice harvest going on next door to Utsunomiya Church



Kobe Seminary President Yoshida training the next generation of harvesters!



Thank you for your partnership! ~ Larry & Ruth