

MISSION PRAYER

July 3, 2021

Attribute of God: Our shield and refuge

Key verse: Proverbs 30:5, *Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.*

**This month's focus is on: Todd and Jayne Fong, Kuni, Kristen, Shion, and Maray Onishi,
Patricia K., Mitsuo and Akiko Fujishima, David and Yuka Mills.**

Missionaries: Todd, Jayne, Jeremy and Ayumi Fong

Country: Japan

Praise the Lord for:

1. English conversation group continuing to grow!
2. partners volunteering to join English conversation on Zoom as "English guests"!
3. Jayne's opportunities to serve others with her special education experience.

Please pray:

1. for health and safety in Japan as they struggle with a fourth wave of COVID and slow vaccine rollout.
2. that they will be able to resume more face-to-face ministry soon.
3. For the rescheduling of the Damah Film Festival, an important outreach event in the Tokyo area.
4. For unity in the Japanese churches to reach out to those who are hurting due to social isolation and anxiety about the future.
5. For their application process for permanent residency in Japan to go quickly and smoothly.
6. For a smooth transition to their new ministry model over the next several months.
7. For the development of a new ministry for Jayne to use her experience with special education to serve families in Japan.
8. That the Lord can use Todd's writing and photography skills as a blessing for telling stories of the history of Japanese Christianity.

Missionaries: Kuni, Kristen, Shion, and Maray Onishi

Country: Japan

Praise:

1. The Onishi family arrived safely to California on May 28th. Praise God they got the first vaccine.
2. Now that they are over with jet lag and got the first vaccine, they are getting ready to meet with people in person. They are planning to host an event in Orange County. For those who can't make it (due to the time, distance, and etc.) they can try to figure out a way to meet you.
3. They are also here for their home assignment, which is raising funds. They are raising two types of funds:
 - a. \$1500 monthly support for their new space that will be used for worship, fellowship, prayer meetings, Bible study, office, etc.
 - b. \$5000 one-time support for their car.

Prayer request: Please pray:

1. For their spiritual and physical health so that they can be filled with the Holy Spirit to do the things of the Lord alone.
2. For their church and ministry in Japan. They will be joining their ministry via zoom from the states.
3. That God would provide all their needs.

Missionary: Patricia K.

Internet Ministry to C

Praise and prayer requests:

1. The COVID-19 cases in Hawaii had decreased but went up again, then down, but many things seem to be getting close to normal. **Please pray things will continue to improve.** Praise the Lord, they hope to launch C----- "Issues I Face" next month. They will be recruiting mentors soon. Patricia will be processing many applications, overseeing the mentors and taking each person through different stages of the process and training each mentor.

** Please pray for Patricia, for clarity of mind, for wisdom to understand each mentor's needs, and that she will always be encouraging toward these mentors.*

**Please pray that the mentors will depend on the Holy Spirit's strength, wisdom and love, as they help the visitors, and that the Lord will bring the "right" visitors, people who are searching for answers, not looking to argue with Christians.*

**Please also pray that the Lord will continue to direct them to many mature believers (mentors) who are dependable and have a heart to reach people in C.*

2. In their WeChat ministry, they post articles, some are Christian, some are related to current events/holidays/etc. They now have 10,000 followers! Whoever wants to be in a chat group is assigned to a group of 200 people. They are beginning a 6th group. Patricia just referred a young man whom she's been emailing, to join a group. He is very blessed by what he's been learning.

**Please pray for these 1000+ people who are in the chat groups, that they will learn from each other and encourage each other in knowing the Lord and growing in their faith.*

3. One of Patricia's main ministry partners has been affected financially by COVID-19, so they need to reduce their giving considerably beginning this month, but praise the Lord, they are not stopping completely.

**Please pray that the Lord will continue to provide for them and for Patricia. Please pray they will continue to trust our Provider Jehovah-Jireh.*

Missionaries: Mitsuo and Akiko Fujishima

Country: Japan

Praises:

1. The Olympic Torch Relay- Thank you so much for praying for the Fujishimas' daughter, Naoko. Her role as an Olympic torch runner went well, and she was protected from Covid-19. They are so thankful for their time together with her as well as for her great experience. She gets to keep the torch and the uniform, by the way! They pray that the summer Olympic Games will be over without serious consequences.
2. Apartment and Akiko's brother- Mitsuo and Akiko will travel to Tokyo next week to get the key to the apartment. Again, God responded in an amazing way to meet their needs for the new apartment; Naoko's friend, who is getting married, gave them her fridge, microwave oven, washer, and dining table set! Thank you for praying for their relationship with Akiko's brother; he seems to be accepting the fact that they are moving and they have been able to communicate with him somewhat normally as before.
3. Their sister in the Lord, Akemi- Akemi is the one who boldly shared at the seaweed place, that she is not afraid of ghosts because she has the Holy Spirit in her heart. Before the Fujishimas left for the States in 2019, they used to meet with her twice a month and study the Bible. They were hoping to resume this, but Akemi seems to have either lost interest or is too busy. They had the opportunity to have lunch with her a couple of days ago and they had a very good conversation with her about prayer. **Please pray that God will give her a strong desire to know Jesus and read the Word.**

Missionaries: David and Yuka Mills

Jlodge Coffee Ministry

Praise and prayer requests:

1. Over in Japan, they are experiencing a third wave of Corona virus infections. Japan is now rated as a category four country for travel. That means “don’t go there!” They have decided to postpone for yet another year their overdue trip back to the States. ***They very much appreciate your prayers for wisdom in planning their next trip at the right time.***
2. David finally received an appointment in July to receive his vaccination! He should be fully vaccinated including all the wait times by early August. ***Please pray as Yuka is still waiting to get her vaccination eligibility ticket.***
3. ***Please pray for some friends of theirs who are going through a seriously difficult time.*** This couple got married a little over one year ago and they now have a six-month-old baby. The mother has been hospitalized with a serious depression. The husband is taking care of the baby on his own and he, himself has been diagnosed with an anxiety disorder and is now being treated with medication. Both Yuka and David have taken some toys for the baby and delivered food a couple of times and pray for them.
4. At Son Chapel, things are going well. David just started teaching through a series that was created to lay a strong foundation for a life based on faith. He would appreciate your prayers. ***Please pray that God will use this to make an important impact in the lives of Son Chapel members!***
5. Jlodge is still there and by God’s grace still thriving and standing as a beacon of light amidst the darkness of the world. This fall marks the 15th year since the Lord first raised up Jlodge to bring the presence of Christ primarily to students from the Tokai University. They are so grateful for your ongoing prayers for this precious ministry, despite the challenges of fewer students walking around due to the school being shut down and a new coffee shop opened for business just down the street. God continues to bring new students to them and to open hearts for deepening relationships. They have some important decisions that will affect the future of Jlodge. David just finished building a coffee roasting work station. They are seeking more direction from the Lord about the future of their roasting efforts. Again, ***please pray with them for wisdom; for a clear vision and insight into God’s heart for this place!***
6. The Mills PRAISE GOD and thank you all for your prayers and financial support these past years. God uses those to sustain them and keep them in Japan. But recently, ***they have discovered that they are now about \$1,500 short of their needed monthly support.*** Thank you for your payers for them as you consider whether God would lead you to partner with them.
7. ***Please pray that God will provide many opportunities to share His love and His good news with others!!***