

The Shrouts to Japan

Newsletter – August 2023

Greetings from Texas!

Japan (Country/Language/Culture)

As Jenn and I prepare to visit Japan in September, one of the smaller cities right outside of Sapporo we are looking at visiting is Kitahiroshima (this means North-Hiroshima is Japanese). This is a smaller city (population est. of 58,918 in 2017) that has easy access to the the main rail line into Sapporo, and we could find 3 room housing there.

Opportunities

We were blessed once again by the churches we visited in July, and we enjoyed the fellowship we had with more of God's people. We were also blessed by the folks at the Rodger's Baptist Missions Conference. We were able to reconnect with some Pastors of supporting churches, and meet many new people!

One of those we were blessed to meet was a fellow missionary, many of you will already know, named Karl Andersson. He is currently serving as a missionary in Sweden, but he was a missionary to Japan in Okinawa Prefecture for many years prior. We spent a lot of time talking about his ministry, and my ministry. We were very thankful for this resource God provided to us. He is prayerfully considering going back every year to help the work there, and, if possible, I would also like to help him during those yearly missions trips.

Support Report

We won't have exact figures for cost of living in Sapporo until the survey trip. However, our rough estimate is that our support is currently at 14-17%.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? - Romans 10:14



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Prayer Requests

- Please keep our family in your prayers as we juggle homeschooling and travel. Our kids started back up again this week in order to get a head start before our survey trip.
- Please continue to pray that our survey trip will be fruitful, and that we will have a good understanding of where we will stay, and how much we will need.

In Christ,
Zack Shrout

