



## FIRST SUMMER IN JAPAN

As summer comes to a close, we're filled with gratitude and excitement to share some incredible testimonies from our first Summer here in Japan. Since our last newsletter, we're thankful to report that we received our visa extension, allowing us to remain in Japan for another year of ministry. We are coming up on our first year of service in this wonderful nation and we are thankful for God's grace, strength, and faithfulness as we've laboured in this great harvest field. Please continue to pray for our family, Fukuoka Hope Church, and the unreached cities in Japan.



### JUPC GENERAL CONFERENCE



We were so blessed to be a part of the Japan UPC General Conference this year in Tokyo. James was able to assist with the live stream team and both of us joined the prayer team in prayer walks around the city. We were left encouraged, refreshed and ready to be **bold** with the Gospel!

Have you checked out the Uttermost Podcast?



"The bridge between you and the ends of the earth."



### "MI CASA ES TU CASA"

"Mi casa es tu casa." is a warm Spanish phrase meaning "My house is your house." In the Chase-Mendez household, this phrase encompasses one of our core values, that our home be a place of peace and refuge for all people. Our prayer is that every individual that steps into our home feels the presence of God, His peace and His love. We are amazed at the doors God has already opened for our home to be this beacon of light and hope in our community. We have had **57 people in our home this summer alone**, 40 of them are individuals that we have met outside of the four walls of the church. In a nation where so many suffer with loneliness, we are going against the status quo and inviting as many as we can into our home and are blessed to be someones community week after week, breaking bread and sharing life with them while representing our God as best we can.





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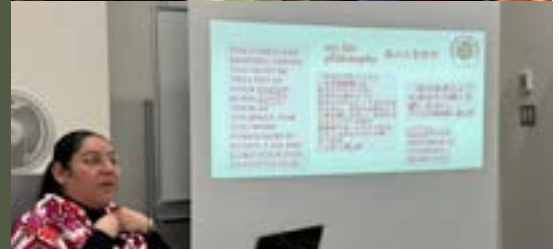
### FUKUOKA HOPE CHURCH



Fukuoka Hope Church is celebrating its ten year anniversary this year! What a blessing to be a part of this great work alongside this amazing team. This summer, we have had several guests as the church continues to reach out to friends and community. Please help us pray for continued boldness, upcoming outreach efforts, and the continual discipleship of the body.

Many times we get asked how we know so many people around Fukuoka when we have only lived here for a year. Of course, our first answer is always **God**. Our second answer is **community involvement**. We are here to serve God and others, so one of our prayers when arriving was for God to lead us to the right kind of community involvement. We have since been led to a few nonprofits geared to build bridges between the foreign and local communities. We've assisted in community networking events and have even been invited to teach seminars and cooking classes. We see each of these opportunities as an open door to share who we are with global communities. Whether it's sharing a meal, teaching a seminar, or helping others find community, Jesus is always at the centre of what we do.

### COMMUNITY IMPACT



### Global Training:



Janett teaching for Harvest Bible College in Scotland.



## A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

We just want to say a big thank you to all of our faithful partners. Your prayers and support over this past year, especially as we've stepped into missions in Japan, have meant so much to us. Many of you have been with us since our time in Scotland, and we can truly say, we would not be here without your generosity and sacrifice. So, thank you for your investment in God's kingdom globally. We can't wait to share more praise reports with you soon!



### Prayer Requests:

- **Pray for the island of Kyushu**, and the many cities and villages without an apostolic presence. Many of our contacts live in these cities. Some travel up to two hours to visit us in Fukuoka. Other times, we rent a car to visit them. Help us pray that these connections will lead to a Holy Ghost outpouring in these unreached cities.
- **Pray for unity in the body** as we work together to see this nation reached with the Gospel.
- **Pray for our family.** We recently experienced our second pregnancy loss. Please **pray for continual strength and healing during this time of grief.**
- Due to our one year extension, we have also faced additional expenses such as visa renewal, insurance, and housing costs. **Pray for God's provision** to help us cover these costs and continue our stay.