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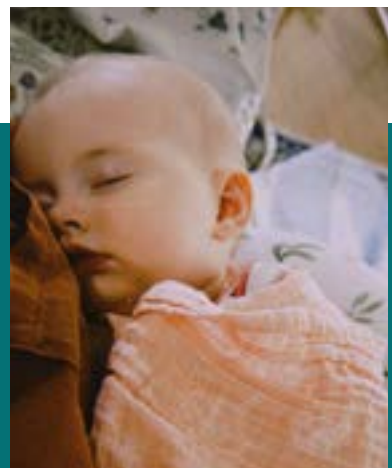


**BAPTISM AT HAIJIMA (ABOVE)
FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION (RIGHT)**

A brother from the international congregation made the decision to be baptized. Before the Sunday morning service, the baptistry was prepared in anticipation of this special occasion. However, just as he had entered the baptistry, the storm outside caused a power outage. Despite this unexpected interruption, the baptism proceeded, and before long the electricity was restored. Our brother was then joyfully baptized, making the occasion all the more memorable.

One of the most impactful aspects of my time in Japan has been the opportunity to help care for the Lucases' daughter, Elizabeth. By being available to hold her or rock her to sleep, we have been able to give the Lucases valuable time to focus on responsibilities that require their attention. It has been a privilege to invest in the life of a missionary kid and to support this family in such a meaningful way.

It is hard to believe that our time in Japan is coming to an end once more. I sincerely hope that I have been able to serve this church well. At the same time, I have been deeply enriched by what I have learned from the Lucases and the culture.



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Lunch with some of our hyphen ladies ♡

While the Lucases and much of the church leadership were attending General Conference in Okinawa, Carissa and I had the opportunity to help facilitate the combined international and Japanese Sunday service. We served in several capacities, including the music ministry, media, and hospitality through the coffee bar. We also assisted with the church's weekly cleaning, helping support the congregation and maintain the ministry schedule during the leadership's absence.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who made this opportunity possible—whether through financial support, guidance, or prayers. To those who donated, thank you for your investment in this ministry. Your sacrifices allowed me to serve in Japan without the burden of wondering how my needs would be met. To my leaders and advisors, thank you for your encouragement, wisdom, and guidance. I'm so grateful for your investment in the Kingdom of God. To everyone who has kept me and the Lucases in your prayers, thank you. Your prayers have made a difference. God is doing a great work through the Lucas family, in Haijima, and throughout Japan. Please continue to pray for this beautiful nation and for the ministers that faithfully serve there.



Outside Shinjuku Station



Some flowers are in full bloom this season!