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The View From JAPAN...

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The Winds of Change

The time has come to say goodbye to Japan...

Since September of 2004, I've been working with our smallest churches in **Japan Presbytery**, trying to augment their outreach programs via simple conversational English classes. Together we've faced so many challenges, while also having our share of fun adventures (see photo at left). Through it all, we thank God that He's given us such good results from our humble efforts.



But now, the time has come for a **NEW** adventure. On **July 23rd** I will leave Japan and return to the USA for a few months, before starting a new work in **Hong Kong**.

Leaving my home, work and friends of the last 4 years is terribly bittersweet. Of course I'm excited about spending time with my family, and I can't wait to start what I think will be a great new project in HK. But it doesn't diminish the painful sting of saying goodbye to so many dear friends.

In coming issues I'll share much more about what the future holds; until then, I'm so thankful for all the wonderful times I've experienced here with the brothers and sisters in Japan.



Pray for JAPAN

Here are some things that I ask you to pray about in the coming weeks:

---Please remember all the students from our **Bethel English Language Program**, which has been the focus of my life's work for almost 4 years. Pray for the hosting churches and their pastors (at **Sagamino, Denen, Izumi, and Naruse**), that they may continue to see results from our efforts, even now that the classes have been suspended. Also pray for the leadership of Japan Presbytery, that they could quickly discern how best to proceed. God has a plan! But pray we can see it clearly.

---Pray for **Pastor Orlando Garcia**, his wife, **Michiko**, and everyone involved in our **Sagamino International Worship**. One of the greatest joys of my life has been serving with them these last few years. They have been my "family" in Japan, and words can't express the heaviness of heart that I feel at parting from them. Pray that they can continue to seek God's will, and see His blessings.

---Finally, I ask that you will pray for me, as I try to transition back to American culture after 7 years in Asia. I am excited to go home, but there are many challenges ahead. Please pray that I would be able to move forward without worry, trusting God to provide all that I need to be prepared for the new work I feel God is calling me to in Hong Kong.

Farewell Cruise in Yokohama

On July 11th, I was treated to a wonderful lunch cruise on the **Royal Wing** dinner boat in Yokohama Bay. This afternoon of food and fun was hosted by our English students from **Izumi CP Church**. The weather was nice, the buffet was delicious, and there was even live music (two girls playing sax and piano) for us to enjoy. It was such a memorable way to say our last goodbyes before I leave Japan! But of course it ended too soon. As we say, "Parting is such sweet sorrow..."



Students from the **Izumi CP Church** English classes on our lunch cruise



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