

June 2025

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Short Term Workers - Saying Goodbye

A regular part of our work in Hanamaki is welcoming people and then saying goodbye to them. We have just said goodbye to Rebecca, Karlheinz and Birgit, our three short-term workers from Germany. **Praise God** for their enthusiasm, hard work and good ideas for the ministry here. **Praise God** for the new people who came to worship services and events through meeting them and for the many chances they had to share encouragement, the gospel and their own testimonies. **Please pray** that, as a church, we can build on the new connections they have made in the community. **Please pray** for each of them to settle back into their lives in Germany well.

Opportunities through Cooking and Craft

Praise God for the many people who came to cooking and craft classes in the last couple of months, including some people who haven't been to the church before. Rebecca was also able to hold some smaller classes for teenagers. **Please pray** that people remember the words they've heard about the gospel and that they will believe. **Please pray** for wisdom for us as a team. We are now down in numbers for a few months but want to use the opportunities we have to share the gospel wisely.

More short-term Workers in the Autumn

Praise God that we have three single short-term missionaries and a couple lined up to come and help us here from October. **Please pray** that God will encourage each of them as they prepare to come. **Please pray** that we will all get on well here and that they'll have fruitful and enjoyable ministry in Hanamaki.

Annual General Meeting

Thank you for praying for the Annual General Meeting held in May. **Praise God** for an encouraging time looking back on all His blessings in the previous year. **Please pray** for a wise use of finances, for bold evangelism and for a growing love amongst our members in the coming year. **Please continue to pray** for Mark's meetings with the elders to plan the leadership handover from April 2025. The next meeting will be on the 22nd of June.

Conference and Holiday

From the 16th to the 20th of June we will be in Hokkaido for the OMF Field Conference where all the OMF missionaries working in Japan gather for encouragement and fellowship. **Please pray** for the conference logistics to run smoothly and for good relaxation, teaching and discussion. We will then have a week of holiday with our daughter, Grace, who is back for the summer holidays from university. **Please pray** for good rest.

Teaching in Revelation

Praise God that we've had the chance to work through Jesus's prophecies to the seven churches at the start of Revelation in our current sermon series. This is often hard but important teaching. **Please pray** for repentance and renewed faith for each of us as we look at ourselves and our church in light of everything God is about to do.

Study for Grace, Isaac and Caleb

Thank you for praying for Isaac's exams which finished on the 9th of June. He is now enjoying a good break with Grace who is back from university for her summer holiday. Caleb has begun his GCSEs. **Please pray** for good concentration for him and for a happy time at Japanese school (which he goes to every afternoon).

Thank you so much again for praying for us.

With love from Mark, Sarah, Grace, Isaac and Caleb

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