August 2025

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Opportunities with Relatives

A couple of our church members have been supporting sick relatives recently. **Praise God** that they have both been sharing the gospel and asking for prayer to be a good witness. Mrs Camelia's mother in law died recently but she was able to sing hymns and read the bible to her near the end of her life. Mr Babblingbrook's mother is now seriously ill in hospital and he was able to explain that the only hope for forgiveness at the end of our lives lies in Jesus. **Please pray** for all of the members of these two families - that they will believe in Jesus and be saved.

Trip to Hebron School, India

Praise God for the opportunity we had to visit Hebron School in India from the 16th to the 19th of August. This is a Christian boarding school which offers UK education with a significant discount for missionaries. We had a very positive impression of the school and enjoyed meeting staff, other parents and students. Next week, we will receive the results of the admission test Caleb took whilst he was there and will then decide whether Caleb will enter the school, continue with homeschool or will go to international school in Japan. **Please pray** for wisdom for all of us in this decision.

Summer Events - Already Held

Thank you for praying for the football event, Men's Dinner and for the Welsh Night we could hold recently. **Praise God** that many people came and heard the gospel and at least three people came to a church event for the first time. At the Men's Dinner, Caleb (14) was asked by a friend from football about what the bible says about worry. At the Welsh Night, Rachel shared the story of a young girl who walked miles to be able to receive her first bible. **Please pray** for people to think deeply about what they heard about the gospel.

Summer Events - To Come

Praise God for the opportunities we have to share the gospel in August. Please pray for good preparation and for lots of people to come to the events below:

August 22nd Band night

30th BBQ

31st Children's Summer Festival

On the 22nd, Caleb will give a bible talk about hope in the face of worry. On the 31st, we will welcome children from the local children's home, the church and other friends. **Please pray** for good involvement from church members in these events and a growing heart to share the gospel among all of us.

Grace and Isaac

Praise God that Isaac arrived safely in the Philippines and is enjoying his work experience in construction related engineering. **Please pray** for good planning for his education for next Autumn. We very much enjoyed our time with Grace here in Japan but she is now back in the UK. **Praise God** that, despite some administrative challenges, she was able to get her driving license before she left. **Please pray** for a good start to her second year of university.

Preaching on Revelation

Thank you for praying for our preaching series in Ruth. **Praise God** that we were very encouraged in reflecting on the grace of God in the gospel. We have now picked up our series in Revelation at chapter 4. **Please pray** for good encouragement and challenge for all of us in Hanamaki as we learn from this prophecy. **Please pray** for a sharp focus for Mark to apply this teaching well with a good balance between the main points and the details of this (sometimes difficult) book.

Thank you so much again for praying for us.

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

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Caleb at Wales Night

Tokyo Station

