

September 2026

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 22:13

Thank you so much for continuing to pray for our time visiting churches and supporters in the UK. We continue to be encouraged by the generous support of everyone.

Clearances for Returning to Japan

Praise God that we have now received all the required clearances to return to Japan on the 24th of September. **Please pray** as we pack up here and say good bye and for a good time settling back into life in Japan and catching up with everyone at the church. **Please pray** that we will quickly be able to find an apartment and a car.

Grace, Isaac and Caleb

Thank you for praying that Isaac can secure his student loan. **Praise God** that Nottingham University has granted him home-side status so that he won't be charged international fees. We continue to communicate with the Student Loans Company regarding his application for a student loan but it isn't yet confirmed. **Please pray** for God's grace on his application so that it will be accepted soon. **Please pray** for Isaac for a good start to University and that he would settle well into the Christian community there.

Praise God for a good Summer break for Grace and **please pray** for her as she goes into her final year of University.

Praise God that Caleb has settled back into Hebron and the time seems to be flying by for him. **Please pray** for him to be able to manage his work load and other activities well, to not feel overwhelmed and for him to know God's peace in his heart. **Please pray** for the water shortage where he is after a dry monsoon season.

Big events at Hanamaki Grace Church

Praise God for the safe arrival of a new baby for one of our elders and his wife. **Please pray** for the health of him and his mother and for God's help for all of them as they welcome him into their family. Two of our church members (from the Philippines and America) will get married at the end of October. **Please pray** for God to bless the preparations for the day and their married life ahead.

Home Assignment Workshop

From the 14th of September, we will attend the Home Assignment Workshop in OMF UK's new headquarters in Manchester. This will be a change to have fellowship with other home-assignees and to hear from the OMF home-side about developments in the organisation. **Please pray** for good fellowship and for helpful engagement with those in the head office.

Thank you so much again for praying for us!

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

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Sharing from the front at Rochester Baptist Church



Mark and Grace at the end of the New Forest Half Marathon

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