

JULY 2019 MONTHLY UPDATE

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Verse of the month

“What I’m about to tell you is true. If he finds that sheep, he is happier about the one than about the 99 that didn’t wander off.” Matthew 18:13

Community Connections

I attended the mentorship conference, and through this was able to reconnect with two Christian women in my same age bracket. One I actually met after two years ago.

Interesting thoughts

- * Monthly updates are a tool for praying for Japan. Some ask questions for further prayer info. Churches often post or forward it. They are sent out by email each month on the 20th. Some also read it on the **“Roberta in Japan”** Facebook page.
- * “A” is back from studying in Boston, and we will meet up at church soon, she hopes to attend the English service and late afternoon Japanese service.

Recent Blessings

* Second Level Ministry “Mentorship Conference” **July 5-6**, with the theme of Root & Fruit, focused on “active listening” and using our gifts in the local church. 61 people attended. I was able to spend some time with ladies in my same age range, who are in international marriages.



*JCFN “Bridge Builders Whatever It Takes” (BBWIT) Leadership Camp on **July 14-15**, which was a holiday weekend, with the theme of “Rise Up” will focus vision & passion. In preparation our leader, we did self-introductions via a Facebook group, 20 people attended.

*Both trainings were opportunities for Japanese Christians to strengthen ministry skills.

*TEAM Japan field conference (Business Mtg) **July 29-August 4**

% of monthly budget met in June 75% reflects 23% churches & 77% individuals

* I've applied for a scholarship to attend the 3rd module of the **“Equipping Women International”** training course in November.

Mom & Sale of family home

* **Mom is recovering from hip replacement surgery and hopes to return to her room at assisted living soon. The family home should be on the market this month.**

English Classes & English Bible Class

The Dr. & Mrs. (+baby) meet weekly with me for English class. We have started meeting at their home, I was able to share the story of Mrs. Sakie Yokota, whose daughter was kidnapped to North Korea in 1976. *(after which Mrs. Yokota found faith in Christ, I also found out that she worked at our mission guest house in the 1980's.)*



The weekly **English Bible class** at KAJ English School is held Tues.@2pm. M & M are using texts written by my friend Dee, and enjoying it. “M’s” daughter has no summer break as she prepares for entrance exams for JUNIOR high school.

JCFN and other opportunities

This is a season when returnees are coming back, I recently introduced one young lady “H” with housing possibility, and it led to her also finding a church to attend.

Equippers Conference planning is starting, and we are praying that each track will be blessed as they seek to ministry to those returning to their homeland in the next few years.

Tokyo 2020 Olympics volunteer prep has started. Another TEAM missionary and I are hoping to be general volunteers. Recently Japanese Christian ministries have begun to seek those who could translate for foreign mission teams.

Thank you for
PRAYING,
thank you for
reading,
Blessings,
Roberta

Japanese word of the month: Maigo/まいご/迷子, which means lost child.

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Required six month home assignment/furlough is scheduled from September 2021