

### One Mission Family

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# Why do we need to go on mission in person? A) Singapore - Orientation Camp, 12 Feb - 8 Mar

Before departure, a friendly church farewell with Mark, and talked about the tension in managing the relationship between the church and missionary due to lack of coordination with mission agency. Someone asked, "Why not train local people online instead of going there in person?"

Coming to Singapore give us a clearer understanding of what "in person" means. For missionaries, to understand the culture and worldview of destination is not only strategic but also theological sound. Jesus became flesh and preached the gospel to specific people in a specific time and place. The LORD, who created the heavens and earth, chose to manifest himself through actual encounter. We follow his example, go to the field in person, learn the language, and work with local churches and organizations. "Presence" is our present to the locals.

OMF aim to see an indigenous biblical church movement in each people group of East Asia. Missionary's purpose is to assist, train, and hand over the task to local Christian leaders. Furthermore, we as Chinese are not "climbing up" to join a Western mission agency and speak English to feel international. In fact, most of the European missionaries are not native English speakers, but they communicate and worship in English for communion. We shared about church, mission, and humanity challenges around the world. Praise the Lord for being able to make friends with people in the camp. Mark even received hospitality from local believer. Mission is a teamwork, and there were volunteers from all over the world to help look after missionaries' children, and that allows us to focus on our studies. May the LORD broaden our

horizons by particpate in various local or cross-cultural missions.

Ogesoog inyu ngahusvika

Missionary season is like the sudden downpour in Singapore. If our mind depends on what we see, we will never set out; but if we determine to move, the sun will raise again.

Acts 20: 18 When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia.

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The temperature difference between Singapore and Sapporo is 30 degrees. Should we afraid of the heat or freeze?

Although we were busy with various administrative procedures, we didn't have to start from scratch thanks to the assistance of supporting missionaries. Their job is to arrange study schedules and daily needs for new missionaries (and much more). Unlike Macau, where most of the procedures can be done by clicking a few buttons via App, filling out forms is popular here. Write down names and addresses multiple times, wait for hours, and visit several places for one process are the norm. Imagine what these supporting missionaries would write in their prayer letters, "We accompany other missionaries while waiting for the paperwork to be done?" Their work means a lot to the new missionaries who do not understand Japanese.

In order to conduct long-term ministry and local cooperation, language is not a "barrier" but the "ministry". Cathy will start from the basics and study for two years, while Mark has some knowledge of Japanese, will study for a few months, and the next step depends on his progress. After completing the language training, OMF continues to follow up on the missionaries' training plans and skills learning, encourage our physical, mental and spiritual development.

I read an article recently: Japan is one of the hardest fields in the world. Lovely for tourists, terrible for missionaries. Missionary work is like any other worship. When we enter a completely new language, culture, and lifestyle, we can humbly learn from within. We hope that brothers and sisters view their respective situations as renewal opportunities, experience freshness, admiration, trust, and be transformed by the LORD.

### Dirty jobs usually done by beautiful people

1 Cor 12:23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty...

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(In Singapore) While mom and dad were in class, we also participated in the kids zone. The teachers mainly spoke English, so we couldn't understand fully. Thank God for preparing Uncle Jason (a volunteer from Hong Kong) to translate for us so that we can participate in the activities. We were the only Cantonese speakers, and despite the other kids spoke their native languages, we gradually became familiar with each other, playing together and sharing snacks.









(In Sapporo) It was very cold, but we were super excited to see real snow for the first time. Every time we went out, we played with the snow on the roadside. We walked a long way without feeling tired. We have to speak softly to avoid disturbing others, but sometimes we can't help talking and laughing loudly. Mom taught us to say おはようございます (morning) when we meet people in the morning. This is the first phrase we learnt, sometimes we are able to say it, sometimes we are shy. Pray that Heavenly Father give us the courage to greet people and pay attention to etiquette.



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1 Thess 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



Church that we attend
Bunkyodai Rainbow Church



First dinner at new home



Keila's Primary I ceremony
(8th April)

#### Report (As at 31 March 2025)

We reach 95% of 2025 Budget



#### Our partners:

- > Sending church and supporting churches
- > Individuals

### Prayer points:

- 1. Pray for wisdom and concentration in language learning.
- 2. May the Lord give us the strength to balance language learning and family care.
- 3. Keila and Lianna are entering primary one and kindergarten. Pray that God will help them adapt to the Japanese learning environment, filled with peace and meet new friends.
- 4. Pray that the Lord will keep our parents healthy and that our non-believing family members will know Christ and receive salvation.
- 5. Pray for our sending church, GSC, may the LORD protect brothers and sisters to grow in faith and truth.

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