

# Land of the Risen Son

## イエス・キリストは日本を愛する

(Jesus loves Japan)

### Interesting Facts

#### Vending Machines

The first vending machine in Japan was made of wood and sold stamps and postcards... 80 years ago! Items sold today through vending machines can include: liquor, beer, iPods, fried food, live lobster, fresh meat, eggs and more!

#### The First Vending Machine

(see right)  
Vending machines became popular in 1967 when the first 100-yen coin was minted (worth approximately 1 dollar). Since then they have become more plentiful than street vendors.



#### The Modern Machine

(see right)  
"Jido-Hanbaiki" is the Japanese word for vending machine. There is now 1 vending machine for every 20 people! These machines make up for the lack of grocery stores because of limited space.



### Update: On the Road to Japan (Peter & Valerie Limmer)

## All things Japan...

*It seems as though our life now solidly revolves around Japan. We generally have three to four appointments every week to tell people about our future work, plus two nights of language classes. Throw our jobs into the mix, and we needed a break!*

#### Holidays

We took a vacation in Quebec City at the start of the month. Unfortunately, Peter got sick pretty early on so we spent several days holed up in the condominium that we'd rented for the

week. We got much more rest than if we'd gone sightseeing more extensively.

#### Dear God... again...

As mentioned in our last letter, I got panicked at the thought of learning 2,000 characters in order to become literate in Japanese. I laughed at my desperate prayer to become a genius in Kanji and was sure that God was laughing too.

However, we were recently encouraged to take the verse "we live by faith not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7) as our mantra while in Japan. When one of Peter's cousins echoed my request in our website prayer pot I realized a few things. My previous

prayer was born of desperation. But God said to me, "I've prepared you in so many other ways for ministry in Japan - ways that you're still learning about. Why do you not pray for me to enable your mind to learn Kanji? Is this too big for Me?"

So, I started to pray - not out of desperation, but rather a prayer of faith, recognizing the ways in which God has already prepared us, and asking Him to continue those preparations so that we can be more effective while there.

Over the past month and a half I have learnt more than 500 Kanji characters, about 250 of them while Peter was sick. What an amazing answer to prayer!

### Contact Information

#### Thank You

Thank you for your interest in our work. We plan to send out newsletters every two months. If at any point you decide that you don't want to receive them anymore, just email ([japan@peterandvalerie.com](mailto:japan@peterandvalerie.com)) or call us (905-848-2529).

#### Correspondence can be sent to:



Peter & Valerie Limmer  
3575 Kaneff Cres., Apt 1605  
Mississauga, ON, L5A 3Y5  
Canada

E-mail: [japan@peterandvalerie.com](mailto:japan@peterandvalerie.com)  
Phone: 905-848-2529

#### Asian Access Main Offices

##### Canada:

Asian Access  
PO Box 330016 RPO Nordel  
Delta, BC V4C 8E6

##### USA:

Asian Access  
P.O. Box 200  
San Dimas, CA 91773