

Land of the Risen Son

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(Jesus loves Japan)

Interesting Facts

Food in Japan...

Food here is more expensive than in Canada. Fresh fruit and vegetables are not sold by weight but by individual piece (e.g. one apple or one tomato).

Meat (see right)

While at a friend's home I had the great privilege of sharing a steak with him and his friends. It was a gift from his father when he came to visit from mainland Japan. The steak's value was about \$28 Canadian. (One steak!)



Watermelon (see right)

These watermelons are slightly smaller than the ones you typically find in a Canadian store, but cost about \$25. We are lucky we are in Okinawa as there is a lot of fresh produce available at lower prices, compared with mainland Japan.



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

Decisions, Decisions

Peter's best friend in Japan, Daniel, is an amazing person. He is a Christian whose buoyant enthusiasm for sharing the good news about Jesus is very rare. We've usually only seen this level of passion in people who have just started a relationship with Jesus. He always seems to have a new idea on other ways to reach out to people. Over the last several months, Peter has been encouraging Daniel not just to leave his ideas on the drawing board, but to take steps to turn them into reality. As a result, Daniel has started to do this. Daniel recently quit his job and spent a few months trying to decide what to next do with his life. One day when Peter went out with him for coffee, Daniel told Peter that he had decided to go back to Bible school. This is really significant in Japan, where it is estimated that Japanese pastors are on average 60-70 years old! We are excited to see what the future holds in store for Daniel.

Friendships

Our friends here continue to be eager for relationship, so we are happily continuing on in our friendships here. On July 1st we had a Canada Day party for some of our friends.



"Peter & Friends" at a local festival

We were expecting 15-20 people to show up, but 27 people actually did! We couldn't believe that we managed to fit them all into our 450 square foot apartment. If you're interested, you can see the reverse side for some of our pictures.

Everyone seemed to have a really good time. We set up lots of Canadian paraphernalia around our apartment, including music, money, flags, and art displays; we also served a traditional summer Canadian barbecue. It's a good thing that I'm always a little paranoid about running out of food and tend to cook much more than needed. When we were asked how many hours it took to cook everything, and we responded, "Two days",

everyone was really touched. In Okinawa, spending that amount of time in preparations is very meaningful, so this was a great way of saying, "We care for you."

Shortly after this, Peter found out that Daniel had plans to participate in a local festival. At this festival one of the events was a talent show, and Daniel had decided that it would be a good idea to form a church band and sign up to sing songs about Jesus. When Peter found out, he also learnt that Daniel had named the band "Peter & Friends"!

In Okinawa, we've often found that in planning you never know how many people will show up for a given event. There were several people who had to drop out from participating because of scheduling conflicts. One thing was certain: Daniel would be there, and so would the band's namesake! They practiced on Sundays after church for a few weeks. On the day of the performance (July 28), eight people showed up to participate in the band, including two people who aren't Christians! What an amazing opportunity to engage our friends and sing about Jesus' love to those who don't know Him.

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