

Land of the Risen Son

イエス・キリストは日本を愛する

(Jesus loves Japan)

Interesting Facts

“Good Bugs” in Japan

are a class of bugs that are considered to be good because they hunt traditional household pests like cockroaches and clothing moths.

Geji-geji (see right) This is a fast-moving, ninja-like maneuvering (and jumping) centipede. It eats flying insects. Its larger cousin, “Mukade”, will sting humans.



Ashi Daka Gumo (see right)

This is a large spider that excels at killing cockroaches but is harmless to humans. These spiders don't build webs but rely on high-speed chases to catch their prey.



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

Why we want to go north...

Japan is really quite an amazing country. In the north there is lots of snow, and in the south it's quite tropical, complete with lots of large bugs! The ones that we've shown you above are just a few. There are several larger, creepier ones, but we didn't want to completely turn you off from reading our newsletter! Even Peter couldn't handle looking at some of the larger Japanese centipedes for very long. Peter may want to go to the north because of the snow, but for me the decision is unapologetically the wish to avoid the grosser bugs. We can't be sure yet of where we'll end up, but we've got our fingers crossed...

Shifting Priorities

Over the past several months, our lives have undergone lots of changes. A dear friend of ours died in November, which hit both of us pretty hard as her death was completely unexpected. It has really highlighted how much we take life for granted, and has given us a sense of



urgency to use our lives for worthwhile things, rather than simply frittering it away on banalities. How important people are, and how easily we get distracted from them!

Peter's job as Associate Pastor at Hope Community Church has now ended. We decided to resign at the end of 2009 because we realized that though we could possibly handle juggling three jobs between the two of us, plus language lessons, visiting churches, and various other preparations for Japan, we wouldn't be able to give our best to our

jobs, the church, or our new missionary work. We would be spread too thin.

Preparations Underway

Asian Access has given us a target departure date of one year from the date we were accepted as missionaries, so we aim to be ready to leave at the end of October 2010. To that end, we've now started our Japanese language lessons at Tanoshi Japanese School. It is a local class held 5 minutes from our apartment in Mississauga, and consists of six people, including us. Our teacher is really great; so far we've learnt to count, begin a basic conversation with someone we've never met before, and buy things in a store.

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) or call us (905-848-2529). Keep an eye out for our next newsletter - it will include another tasty recipe!