

Land of the Risen Son

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(Jesus loves Japan)

Interesting Facts

Weather (Part 2)

While home, we've fielded a lot of questions about the weather and temperatures in Okinawa. Here are some answers!

Summer

Okinawan summers are quite warm. Though the maximum temperature is about 35°C, with 100% humidity and a very intense sun it feels more like 45°C. When it's hot outside, it's also hot inside, because we have no insulation.



Autumn

By mid October, the weather becomes quite comfortable (average 25°C). However, the leaves on the trees do not change colour and fall off. The only time that leaves fall off of the trees is when new leaves push them off, in the spring!



Update: A Singular Sojourn (Peter & Valerie Limmer)

Over the past two months we have continued working at our various projects, and meeting with many of our partners. We've now put over 27,000 km on our car! One of the things that we love about being missionaries is that God has given us a world-wide ministry: both to our partners here in North America, as well as to people in Okinawa. This month, we thought we would share some highlights with you from around the world.

This side of the ocean...

In early March, we had the opportunity to participate in a week-long training course put on by GOM. There were about 10 people in attendance, in addition to the trainers. Half of the missionaries had already been working on their mission fields (like us); the other half were brand-new missionaries, who are in the process of preparing for their respective ministries.

In addition to all of the class time, Peter and I were invited to record four radio segments about our ministry which will air separate weeks on "Canada's National Bible Hour", North America's longest-running gospel radio program, in May or June.

We also had the opportunity to engage in a number of deep discussions, about spiritual things, and preparing for ministry. At the end of the week a few people approached us and



Annabelle, Kamilla and others at their baptism.

said, "Thank you for sharing your stories with us", and, "The things that you shared with me have changed my perspective on how I should be approaching my preparations for missionary work". We were so honoured that God would use us to be a part of the other missionaries' ministries. I love being in the family of God, because we were equally encouraged by them!

And the other side of the ocean!

Shortly after we arrived in Okinawa, in 2011, we became friends with two special families: Charles and Chelsea; and Karin, Chelsea's sister. Chelsea and Karin are Christians, but Charles is not. Both families have their own children. Over the years we have been building deep and meaningful relationships with the eight of them.

The three adults attended our Bible ESL classes from the very first. In our Christmas

class, Charles would come up to Peter on his own initiative every week and recite the memory verse from the week before. He was the only member of the class to do this, and we prayed that God would use the words implanted in his heart to draw him to Jesus.

When we began kids' ESL classes, Charles, Chelsea, and Karin's children all attended. We have fun with the kids, playing tag in the parking lot and holding office chair races; teaching them ESL every week; and talking about Jesus' love.

Charles is very close with his young daughter, Annabelle. As our relationships deepened, I began to pray that Annabelle would embrace Jesus' love and forgiveness, and that she would lead her daddy into a relationship with Him too.

This year, Annabelle became a Christian. On Easter Sunday, she and her two cousins were baptized. One of those cousins was Kamilla, a shy little girl who, at the age of eight, had never said a word in any school class when she first started ESL (we featured her in our April 2014 newsletter). The other was Ingrid, who became a Christian at summer kids' Bible camp in 2013. We're so excited that these dear children have decided that they, too, want to be part of Jesus' family; and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them next!

Mounds Bars

This is another easy favourite that I shared with our Yaku Yaku Cooking Club, in Japan.



Preparation & Cooking Time: 45 minutes
Yield: 16-20 servings

Ingredients

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups flaked coconut
- 1 (12 ounce) package semisweet chocolate chips, melted

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. Combine the graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter. Mix and pat into the bottom of one 8x8" baking pan. Bake at 350°F (175°C) for 15 minutes.
3. Combine the condensed milk and flaked coconut. Spread over the crust and bake at 350°F (175°C) for 15 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, melt chocolate chips in top of a double boiler. When the coconut layer is finished baking, spread the melted chocolate over the top.
5. Let cool for 1-2 hours in refrigerator, and cut into squares.

Note: If you would like the top layer to be less crunchy, melt 1 tbsp butter with the chocolate in the double boiler.



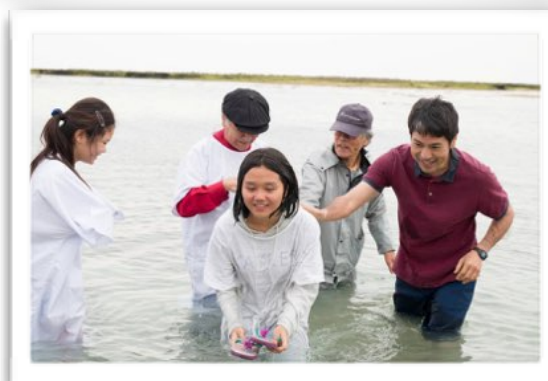
Annabelle getting baptized.



Our fellow missionaries, at GOM training.



Kamilla getting baptized.



Kamilla's sister, Ingrid, after her baptism.

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