

Land of the Risen Son

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(Jesus loves Japan)

Interesting Facts

Weather (Part 1)

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

Winter

(Right: Bugs live year-round, so they're not as aggressive)

Okinawan winters are much warmer than Canadian ones. The coldest day is about 13°C. There's no insulation in Okinawan houses, so this means in winter it's also 13°C inside!



Spring

(Right: This year's blossoms)

Cherry blossoms herald the end of winter and the beginning of spring. In Okinawa, this happens in early- to mid-February. Blossoms don't appear in the rest of Japan until early- to mid-March.



Update: A Singular Sojourn (Peter & Valerie Limmer)

Time Flies...

How the time flies by when you know you've only got a limited bit of it! We've now been back in Canada for a few months, and are steadily chipping away at the mountain of tasks before us.

Over the past four months, we've had the opportunity to visit various partners, both in Canada and in the Eastern States. We've put more than 18,000km on our car, and on my back, and so far everything is chugging along very well indeed!

Over this time in North America, we've had opportunities to make presentations to more than 1,600 people, and have had individual meetings with about a hundred others. Peter has completed our ministry website, and my book is on-target for release in June 2016. (It will be the story of some of our experiences in Japan, and the things we learnt, focused primarily on our first two years there.) I've also started preliminary work on our contact database, which we plan eventually to use in coordinating our ministry communications.

At the end of this month, we'll be heading to St. Catharines for our first training session with Global Outreach Mission, and after that



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we'll be heading to Quebec for a much-needed week of vacation.

With all of this hustle and bustle, though, we recognize more and more the need to intentionally slow ourselves down and jettison our fixation on getting things done. We are aiming to hold our goals for this year loosely. If they don't all get done, we're trying to be okay with that.

This life has never been about tasks and checklists. It's always been people who matter most. So, while we're back in Canada we're not only taking care of administrative projects and things that will help us when we return to Okinawa, but we also have the privilege of meeting with you, our partners, and hopefully encouraging and praying for you.

Meanwhile, we are remaining in contact with

many of our friends and contacts in Okinawa. We've been writing back and forth, sending small gifts on their birthdays, and telephoning those who aren't as internet-savvy.

Before we left Okinawa, we spent quite a bit of time with Theo, and his friends Trent and Tina. Theo was the man we talked about in our June 2015 newsletter, who saw us with the cats one evening, and came down to meet us. "We're not friends," he said that night. "I knew from the moment I saw you with the cats that you are kind people. My feeling is that we are family."

When we met with them the last time before returning to Canada, Trent passed us a piece of paper. "This is a name and address," he said. "The mother of my friend now owns a sushi shop in Toronto. Can you please go there and give this message to her?"

And so, we transported his greetings with us across the ocean. What an honour to be entrusted with such precious cargo! We will be meeting Trent's friend in the near future. How amazing it is to realize that our ministry in Okinawa can continue even when we are here, halfway around the world, in Canada.

Contact Information

Thank You!

Thank you for your interest in our work. We send out newsletters every two months. If at any point you decide that you don't want to receive them anymore, just write or email us.

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