

Land of the Risen Son

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(Jesus loves Japan)



Our friends, welcoming us at the airport in Okinawa.

A Look Back...

We have now arrived back in Okinawa following a whirlwind year in Canada.

During this past year, we met with almost all of our financial partners, and also did massive amounts of fundraising. When we switched from our previous organization to Global Outreach Mission, we also changed from being short-term missionaries to career ones. With this switch came an increase in budgetary requirements, since our finances would need to be sustainable for the long term (i.e., there was a substantial increase in taxes, plus money required for RRSPs, etc.), so we went from being 99% funded to only 50% funded.

We also knew that we had to be back in Japan within a year so that our Japanese visas wouldn't be cancelled. Were they to be cancelled, it would be extremely difficult to get new ones. (The Japanese take the view that if people let their visas lapse, they must not have cared enough to keep them active. So, why should they be granted new ones?)

In the past eleven months we were able to do some intensive fundraising, and now we are at 85%. (This blew our expectations out of the water—particularly since we took about 2 years to raise the initial 50%!)

Since things like taxes and rent are non-negotiable, we will have to cut back on RRSPs and some of the ministries that we would like to engage in, but we plan to do more

"THE YEAR YOU WERE AWAY FELT VERY LONG. WE, ALONG WITH THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY, HAVE BEEN WAITING EAGERLY FOR YOUR RETURN!"

- Higa Sensei, pastor of Seaside Chapel in Okinawa

Interesting Facts



Work Sites

In Japan, construction sites are kept clean. There is very little dust, or noise from a worksite.



Destroy, rebuild

Since buildings need to be torn down regularly, demolition is common. It is not uncommon to see buildings completely covered by cloth.



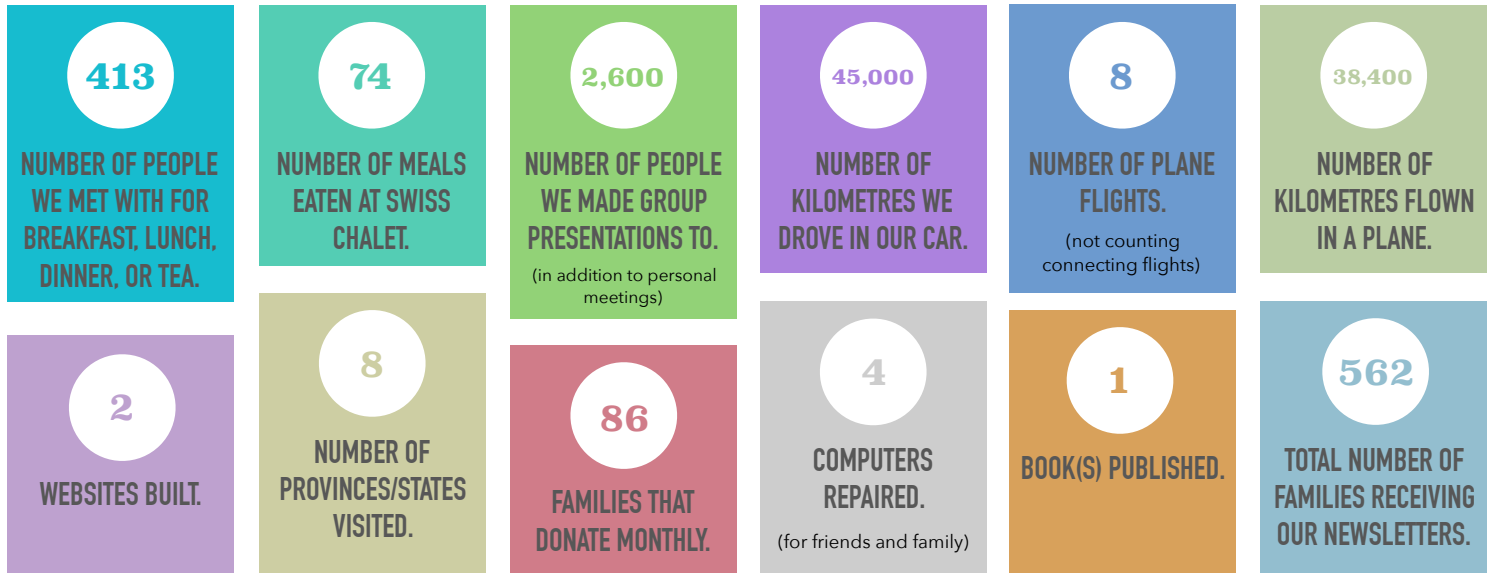
High rises

The first of the high rises in Tokyo is being torn down. To facilitate a quiet and clean demolition, a facade is created and the building is dismantled over 6-12 months from the inside. The building shrinks over time, finally disappearing from the landscape all together.

fundraising to bring that number up to 100% when we return to Canada again, in two years.

In the meantime, we'll continue on in the ministries that God has given us, though we won't be able to expand them until we have full funding.

An overview of our time in Canada...



A Look Forward...

When we returned to Okinawa, some of our closest friends were at the airport to meet us. We are so excited to plunge back into ministry with the Okinawan people, and have already started reconnecting with several of them.

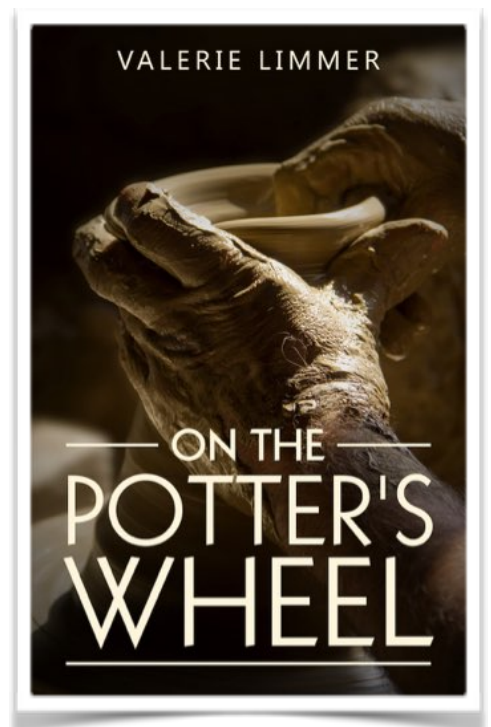
New Book

My new book, *On the Potter's Wheel*, has now been released. If you're interested, you can purchase it in paperback (from Chapters or Amazon) or e-book (from Amazon or iBooks).

If you would like to help in marketing my book, please go to the web address below to fill out a two-minute anonymous survey.

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