

Land of the Risen Son

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(Jesus loves Japan)

We thought that, since we're still in Canada, in this newsletter would we would share something new: about volunteer work we do in addition to regular ministry. Our main job is to share the good news of Jesus with the Japanese. However, in our downtime we also engage in a few hobbies geared to helping other missionaries and Christians.

Building Websites for Missionaries



One of the websites Peter made.

which he will use to quickly create new websites for missionaries within our organization and perhaps beyond. So far, he's built two—one for a travelling vision clinic, and one for missionaries who train others in fundraising.

Writing Books

Some of you may remember that I published my first book, *On the Potter's Wheel*, in the fall of 2016. I thoroughly enjoyed the process, and writing has become my new favourite hobby.

I'm currently working on the manuscript for my second book—essentially, a handbook on why and how Christians forgive. I've also been working on two more books to be published after this one, with



Peter loves building websites. A few years ago, we built a few for friends with small businesses. Recently, though, he's decided to focus his hobby on helping out fellow missionaries. Though many missionaries have blogs, few have proper websites with details about their ministries. This sort of online presence is key in helping new ventures have a sense of legitimacy—especially when raising funds is an integral part of missionary life.

To that end, Peter is in the process of developing a series of website templates

Seaside Chapel's 60th



Celebrations

This year, Seaside Chapel is celebrating its 60th anniversary! Though we won't be able to participate in-person on November 3rd, Peter is currently putting together a special commemorative video for the celebration—on Seaside Chapel's past 60 years of ministry.



The Ketchums

Seaside Chapel was founded by the Ketchums, Canadian missionaries from western Canada. Mr. Ketchum had a boat ministry, and brought supplies and the good news of Jesus to many remote islands in Okinawa. His picture is still lovingly displayed in community centres across the prefecture.



More Canadians!

When we arrived in Okinawa, many members of Seaside Chapel told us they felt having Canadians at the church again was completing a cycle. It turns out that we're similar to the Ketchums in musicality, hospitality-based ministries, and more.

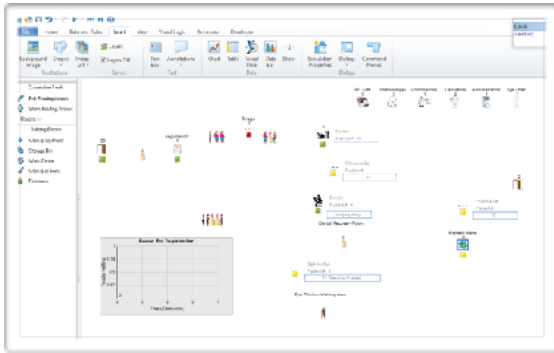
“YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT. WHEN YOU'VE REACHED 70% HEALTH, PLEASE COME BACK TO OKINAWA.”

— Pastor Higa, during our monthly conversation earlier this month

ideas for at least six more after that.

Thankfully, I was mostly finished editing the manuscript for book #2 before I received my concussion and we came back to Canada. My concussion meant that I had to take a three-month hiatus. Even after that, for a long time I was only able to edit for about 5 to 15 minutes per day. Perseverance has paid off, however, and I was able to send everything to my editor at the end of last month. I'm on target to release it in about 2 years.

Decision Support for Medical Missions



A big thank you to SIMUL8 Corporation for supplying me with a free copy of their professional software!

As some of you may remember, I'm an engineer. Before becoming a missionary, I used to work as a consultant, building decision support systems for companies in a variety of industries, including healthcare. These systems would allow decision-makers to evaluate a plethora of different scenarios using cutting-edge mathematical computer models to answer questions like:

- I need a new x-ray machine. There are three models I could buy. Which one would help me to keep operating costs low and see the most patients?
- I'm constructing a new building. Where should I put it for maximum efficiency between departments?
- How should I organize my departmental staff schedule to make sure we serve patients as quickly as possible?

A few years ago, I was able to interview some people in GOM who worked with an annual traveling clinic servicing poor areas in India. Right away I was able to help them identify one or two key areas that were slowing down the clinic's operations. Earlier this year, I started building a decision support system for this clinic in my spare time.

In the future, I hope to also create a medical database that will allow the clinic to track year-to-year patient histories. Perhaps one day I'll be able to build decision support systems for other clinics and hospitals in GOM too.



The line for one of the traveling clinics in India



Health Update

We have been seeing good progress in healing our psychological wounds (50%), my concussion (45%), and Peter's health (50%). As with any health issue (and we have 3!) it's hard to predict exactly how long healing will take. We still hope to return to Japan at the end of November, but we are having to hold that hope loosely. We are comforted with the knowledge that God knows the timing, and that we don't own "our" call to Japan—He does. When He wants us there, we will be ready. While we wait and heal, we can rest in the knowledge that our time and talents are never wasted. There is always something more to learn, and some new way we can contribute.

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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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