

NMI Nuggets from your NMI President – July 2019

When I agreed to become your NMI President, I knew that I was unprepared to adequately complete the task. My hope was that the District NMI Conference was coming soon and my goals were to return better INFORMED, better EQUIPPED and INSPIRED to attack the position in a manner in which it deserves.

The Kansas City District has adopted three new LINKS Missionaries. Some may not know that LINKS stands for *Loving Interested Nazarenes Knowing and Sharing*. Our district had been asked to pray for these three and to support and show them love this year. They are:

Brian and Julie Woolery (Japan)
Daniel & Marla DeLeon (Guatemala)
Deanna (Creative Access)

While we were at the District MNI Conference, it was a privilege to get to meet and listen to Brian and Julie Woolery in person so I am going to feature them first.

Brian is a pastor at Keystone Nazarene Church in Okinawa Japan. They have an English speaking church that services English speaking Japanese as well as U.S. Military personnel stationed in Okinawa. They also serve Japanese that are wanting to improve their knowledge of the English language.

Julie is a teacher at Christian School International (OCI) as a Literacy Support Teacher or reading specialist.

They have two sons, Noah and Justin who attend school where their mother teaches.

Their prayer requests include:

Brian's Doctor of Ministry Studies
Ministry opportunities through Julie's work
Following God's leading as Pastor of Keystone Nazarene Church
Balance between family and ministry responsibilities
Relationships with our Japanese community

Additional challenges are that Japan is an open nation but is the 2nd largest unreached group. Also, Japanese is a very difficult language to learn.

Next month we will feature another story. Until then keep praying, keep remembering.

Respectfully yours,
Jan Evans, NMI President 2019-2020