

Ireton Christian Reformed Newsletter

September 2020



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Thank You!

I just wanted to express how much I appreciated your support and prayers in the death of my dad. Thank you too for food brought in and all the cards it was a blessing. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4.

Rhonda and Gerald Postma

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

August 2020

2020/2021 Fair Share

ICS 30 students @\$1,960/student = \$ 58,800.00

UCHS 12 students @ \$2,575/student = \$ 30,900.00

Total Fair Share \$ 89,700.00

Fair Share Paid \$ 0.00

Fair Share Balance \$89,700.00

As of the end of August, our checking account balance is at \$14,360.

*Please be in prayer for our Christian Ed group as we
have a large amount to raise this coming year!*

*And, a BIG Thank You for everyone's support of our Christian
Ed group throughout the year.*

Happy Fall





Heian(Shalom)

Ken & Jeannie Lee Japan

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“But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign LORD my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.”
Psalms 73:28 (NLT)

Amid the global pandemic, Jeannie and I pray you are all well protected by our sovereign God. It certainly has been a very different Home Service for both Jeannie and I. In the wake of the coronavirus, like many countries, Japan has imposed many layers of extra immigration rules in response to the pandemic. Since early April, the country's foreign residents, like us, have not been allowed to return to Japan. Even if they hold a permanent residency or a long-term resident visa if they leave and visit countries subject to the re-entry ban, they are not allowed in. Japan has been gripping onto this rule for the past four months and has finally lifted the ban on the re-entry for US nationals. After being stuck in the states for an additional three months to our Home Service duration, we are now in the process of preparing to return to our home in Japan to fully engage in our ministry.

Ministry

Even throughout this overwhelming pandemic, God is still in control, and is continuing to work in Japan. When the evil spirit was trying to immobilize Christians through this virus, God opened many doors for churches. By providing online services and welcoming those who could not physically attend church on a regular basis, the number of attendances has skyrocketed. One partnering church reported that their attendance has tripled, along with other ministries numbers increasing as well. PTL! Our

God has been granting us His wisdom to innovate new ministries as we continue to live in this pandemic. What many Japanese churches thought would be unfeasible, all ministry gatherings are

Prayer & Praises

1. Praise God for lifting the entry ban, allowing us to return to Japan.
2. Pray for protection from the virus for our partners, family, and friends globally.
3. Pray for God's wisdom and creativity on Pastors and church leaders as they take COVID pandemic as an opportunity to proclaim the gospel to their community.
4. Pray for God's Spirit of revival to fall on Japan to open their hearts to Christ as their Lord and Savior.
5. Pray for the recruits of new servants to serve in God's kingdom in Japan.
6. Pray for Makie who is working in Cambodia for protection and provision for all her needs.
7. Pray for God's wisdom as we teach the future leaders for His kingdom in Japan and beyond their boundaries.
8. Pray for Ken and Jeannie's health and stamina as they face a long process of re-entering Japan.



now virtual, and it is very encouraging to see everyone adapt to a newer way of doing ministry for the time being.

These pictures are from this year's Jr. Camp (4th-8th) being carried out via Zoom. With the appearance of a little more than 40



people, we were able worship God, learn about the book of Exodus, have fun playing innovated games, and eat snacks together virtually. Many parents have expressed their gratitude to the staff who have helped their young ones have an unforgettable summer camp memory.

Lee's Update

We are grateful to our Lord for allowing us to spend 9 months in the states with family and friends and catch up the lost moments of making memories with our children. It has been over a decade since being able to spend major holidays and celebrate everyone's birthdays all together as a family. We appreciated spending many hours in our kitchen cooking the dishes they enjoy and having family movie nights with our favorite snacks. We are blessed!

It has been overly exciting to see God work throughout the pandemic in Japan and in the States. We are glad to see that RCJ is quickly changing into the reality of carrying out the ministry virtually. This made it possible for us to join in from the States. We were able to participate in their worship, have bible study, and provide coaching and counseling as well.

Now as we get ready to depart, we continue to ask for your prayers on what lies ahead. We have submitted all the necessary documents and got approved for our return on August 26. We still need to get tested for COVID before our departure and what would normally take about 45 min. after arrival, will take about 3 hours after landing in Narita Airport. We will need to get tested again at the airport, and once the result is "negative", only then will we be able to carry on our 1.5-hour drive home. After self-quarantining at home for two weeks, we will be able to use public transportation to move around to continue our ministry. We need your prayers please & thank you!

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Thank You (Arigatou)!

We ended 2019-2020 a bit short of our fundraising goal but are incredibly grateful for some unexpected gifts that came in to bring us closer to our goal! Thank you to all who gave, and to those who prayed for our needs to be met. God has answered your prayers! Now we have begun a new fiscal year with the same goal, and we thank you in advance to those who have partnered with us in the area of finance. Your support allows us to develop future leaders for the RCJ churches, and Japan. We deeply appreciate your sacrificial gifts and unceasing prayers. Thank You!

Ken & Jeannie from Japan



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