

# Nippon (Japan) NEWSFLASH



Dear family and friends,

Thank you for your continuous prayers and financial support! God blessed me this month with the opportunity to travel to Word of Life Bible Institute (BI) for 10 days and visit some supporters and spend time with friends. Word of Life BI was also hosting their annual Missions Conference! God had used this conference when I was a student to increase my heart for missions and open my eyes to many different missions' organizations and meet missionaries who are serving around the world.

This year the theme of the conference was LEAD, Follow Him Beyond Borders. Our speakers spoke on what it means to be a good leader and characteristics of a bad leader. We also learned about a leader's legacy; the people who have led the way before us in missions and in ministry as examples for us to follow.

When I think of missionary stories that have encouraged me and helped me to form my thoughts on missions, I think of Paul from the Bible, Hudson Taylor to China, and George Muller in England. The thing that really sticks out to me about all these men is their faith in God's direction and provision in their lives and ministries. These men trusted God with everything and God used them in great ways for His kingdom! I am challenged by their lives of faith, to trust God with everything in my life. I want to continue to learn from them and move forward in missions in whatever capacity God leads. Thank you for helping to make this possible!

I will be doing a lot of traveling soon, to Indiana and then home for a short time before I return to Japan in March. Since being home, talking about Japan and going to Missions Conference, God has increased my passion for the people of Japan. I am excited to be back with the team in Indiana and especially excited to return to Japan to see what God has in store!

Karina Thrush

## Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 2:** I fly to Indiana
- Feb. 6:** Japanese students fly to Indiana
- Feb. 7-24:** Winter term in Indiana
- Mar. 13:** Fly to Japan

## Prayer & Praises:

God continues to open the hearts of Ayane and Mieko to understand the Gospel.

Wisdom in decisions that need to be made about next year...to stay in Japan another year or not.

Safety in upcoming travels.

"Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished....' Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship."  
Exodus 34:6-8