

“And I (God) shall put enmity between you (Serpent) and the woman and between your seed and her seed; He (Jesus) shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”

Genesis 3:15

Nippon NEWSFLASH

Dear Family and Friends,

I want to thank you again for your continued prayers and financial support. Thank you for being a part of God's faithful provision for me in the year 2015! Each time a new year comes around I am challenged to ask myself the question, "Do I know God better this year than I did last year?" This is a time of evaluation as we look back on 2015 and set new goals for 2016. At the same time I am reminded of the words of one of my favorite songs from the group *This Hope* which says, "When the celebration of His birth has come and gone, let us live our lives to know Him all year long." What really matters in the end when the Lord calls us home is our relationship with Him. Sometimes we can get so caught up in the doing that we forget about still quiet moments that we need with the Lord daily to cultivate a growing, healthy relationship with Him. We can do many wonderful things for people and get involved in so many good things that we busy our lives with so much "good" that we don't make time to just sit at the feet of Jesus.

As the chorus of the same song goes, "Are you walking, talking, captivated with the Reason?" Am I captivated by Jesus Christ. This year I want Him to be the centerpiece of my life, not on the back burner or on the side, but in everything I do, say and think because my life revolves around Him.

On a different note, I am enjoying my time home with family and friends and reconnecting with some of you in person. I will be attending the Word of Life Mission's Conference in January which I am super excited for! Our director of SYME Japan and the Word of Life Pacific Rim Region, Randal Gilmore, will be a speaker at the conference this year. Then in early February I will be attending a SYME Japan staff retreat in Tennessee.

If you would like to meet with me in person while I'm home or have any questions you would like to ask, I would love to answer them as best I can or meet with you. Just give me a call at 717-552-0087.

Thank you so much,

Karina Thrush

Upcoming Events

Jan. 15-17: Word of Life
Mission's Conference
Feb. 2-5: Staff Retreat
March 2: Fly to Japan

Prayer & Praises

Pray for 15-20 new students for the spring term.

Pray for staff members who are currently raising support to go to Japan or stay in Japan.

Pray for wisdom as the staff make plans for the coming year at the retreat.

I will wait patiently for God's direction for the future.



We enjoyed having a former SYME student stay with us for a few days before she returned to the Bible Institute to finish her second year there!