



Grace Jackson

Serving the Lord in Japan

Dear Praying Friends,

October - November
2023

October and November were two incredibly busy months. I was able to be a part of missions conferences in California and Arizona during the month of October. Also during October I started language school! I have joined an in-person language school in Tokyo via zoom that meets three days a week. So far it has been going very well and the goal is to know at least a little bit of Japanese before I move to Japan so as not to be completely lost. However, the one downside to joining an in-person class is the time difference. What that means is that (depending on what time zone I am traveling in) my class starts sometime between 1-3 am. It has worked out pretty well so far but prayers would be greatly appreciated that I would be able to stay awake for class.

During the first part of November, I was in a few more missions conferences in California including getting to be a part of Lancaster Baptist Church's missions conference. It was truly an honor to speak to the students of West Coast Baptist College and to the members of Lancaster Baptist Church. It was only a few years ago that I was one of the missions students at West Coast listening to the missionaries who come through and it felt slightly odd to realize that I was now that missionary. It has been a blessing these past two months to have met many young people that feel the Lord is calling them into missions. Some of them specifically believing the Lord is calling them to serve in Japan. It has been a highlight of deputation for me to be able to sit down, talk, and pray with some of these young ladies. I am so excited to see what the Lord will do through their lives and I am excited that people are still answering the Lord's call for laborers in the harvest.

The last two weeks of November I was in Montana where I was able to spend Thanksgiving with some friends from college and visit churches. Thank you to all of you who prayed that it would not snow while I was in Montana. I knew there was no way my car could make it through heavy snow and the only way I could make it through Montana was if it did not snow. God answered prayers and for the entire two weeks I was there it did not snow! Three hours after I left Montana it started snowing and snowed for the next 3 days. Thank you also for all of you that have been praying for my safety while traveling. I officially had the first blowout of deputation.

Thankfully it was not on my car but on my friend's truck which we were driving down to a church. The Lord kept us safe even though we were going over 80mph when the tire blew. After getting towed, we were able to get a tire for her truck in the next town over. It has truly been amazing to see God's hand and how He has provided for huge things on deputation as well as down to the smallest details. Thank you for all of your prayers. I am extremely grateful for your prayer support.

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Prayer Requests

- Safety While Traveling. Specifically as I head to Alaska in January that the Lord would hold back the snow and that none of my flights would be cancelled.
- Opportunities to witness while traveling.
- That I will be able to find an in-person language school for when I reach Japan.
- That the Lord will be working in the hearts of the people of Japan.

Praises

- I have reached 70% of my needed support!
- No snow in Montana!
- The Lord kept me and my friend safe when we had a blowout on the highway.
- My hurdy-gurdy (a musical instrument) finally, after 3 years of waiting, made it to the only shop in the US where it can be repaired.

Photos

1. Giving a short testimony at Lancaster Baptist Church and to the students of West Coast Baptist College.
2. A brief view of what language school at 3am in the morning looks like.
3. Helping with the food pantry ministry at Lake LA Baptist Church.
4. The first flat tire of deputation!