



Grace Jackson

Serving the Lord in Japan



Dear Praying friends,

It has been a little while since I have sent out a prayer letter and I would like to get you caught up on everything that went on in December and January.

In the first part of December, I finished up the last of my meetings in California before heading to Texas to spend Christmas with my parents. It was wonderful to be able to spend some time with them and I was also able to use that time to start packing up some of my things in preparation for the move to Japan.

The first week of January I hopped on a flight to Alaska and was fully booked with meetings there until the end of the month. Now you might be thinking, "She went to Alaska in January?" I was thinking the same thing and originally had no intention of having any meetings in Alaska on deputation. However, throughout the summer and fall it kept coming up and after some prayer I knew that was where the Lord wanted me in January. So, I took a step of faith, started calling churches in Alaska, and asked in my last prayer letter that you would pray that none of my flights would be cancelled (as I was flying to each church). Thank you to all of you that did pray for my flights. I left for Alaska the day after the exit door blew off the Alaskan Airlines flight and they grounded a good portion of their fleet to check. Through all of that, none of my flights were cancelled or delayed and there were many divine appointments that happened where I was able to talk to people on those flights about the Lord. Out of all my flights in Alaska, only one was delayed and that was (of course) God's plan as well and resulted in two other people I was able to talk to. One was a church member who had not been able to be in the church service to hear my presentation but happened to be flying out on the flight I had been reassigned to and was able to hear about my ministry in the airport. I was truly amazed at all that God did in Alaska and the people and churches that I was able to meet there as well as how God grew my own faith through it.

I finished out the end of January by getting to be a part of a wonderful missions conference in Cleveland, TN and as some of you had heard was excited to have 93% of my support. However, I was able to meet with my field director and his wife later that week and reevaluate the amount of support that I need to have. My field director was able to get in touch with some of the missionaries currently in Japan and get some realistic feedback on the current prices of housing, language school, transportation, etc. and after seeing some of the numbers and the cost in Japan the decision was made to raise the amount of support that I will need. The goal is not to have a huge amount of support but to have the right amount to provide for my needs and ministry needs when I get to Japan. With that new number in mind, I now have 68% of my support raised and am still planning on being able to move to Japan this year (hopefully, Lord willing in the summer).

Thank you for all your prayers'

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December 2023 - January 2024

Prayer Requests

- Safety and health while traveling
- To be able to fully book my spring schedule with meetings
- Opportunities to witness on the road
- That the Lord would be preparing the hearts of the people I will be meeting in Japan

Praises

- I am at 70% of my needed support!
- That travel in Alaska went so smoothly
- Opportunities and God given appointments to witness to people on different airlines.

Photos

1. Seeing some of the beauty of God's creation in Alaska while flying between churches.
2. Fairbanks, AK with Bible Baptist Church (thankfully it wasn't too cold only -17)
3. Speaking in chapel for Shenandoah Baptist School in TN.
4. Christmas with family