



Grace Jackson

Serving the Lord in Japan



Dear Praying Friends,

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The last two months have been such a blessing as I have been able to visit and present at many churches that have had an impact on my life growing up. The first week of August I drove my car across country to start going to meetings on the west coast. My first stop was the church that I grew up in and was attending when I got saved. This church is where I was first introduced to missionaries and got to personally be a part of missions. Every night, my family would gather round and read the missionaries prayer letters and pray for the missionaries the church supported. At the time, as a kid, I did not think anything about it. It was simply what we did every night. Now, as a missionary on deputation, headed to the field, I am coming to realize more and more just how important that prayer was. It amazes me looking back to think how I, as a young kid, could have an impact and part in missionary's ministries halfway around the world and now I am the one that is on deputation asking others to pray for me as well. It was a blessing though to see many of the missionaries I had met there and grown up praying for, still on the field and still being faithfully supported by the church. I am excited to see what the Lord will continue to do through this church. The rest of August was spent visiting different churches in California and in between getting to revisit places and people that I had grown up with. It was such an encouragement to visit all of these churches in California. Some were small, some large but all were preaching the gospel in a state where many still need to here.

September started missions conference season. From mid-September until about mid-November I will be in multiple back to back missions conferences. It is such a fun time but extremely busy with travel both by car and plane. It started with me flying to Rhode Island to be part of a missions conference there. Not only was the conference amazing but the missionaries were able to see a little piece of Baptist history in Rhode Island. Namely, the first Baptist church to be established and built in America. The church was founded by Roger Williams, a Baptist minister who had come to Rhode Island to escape religious persecution, in 1638 and the building was built in 1775. Right after that, I was able to spend a few days with my parents in Texas as I had the opportunity to present in their churches' missions conference. The end of September saw me driving back out to California to be a part of a number of conferences out there.

These past two months I have had opportunities to present missions, and my call to Japan specifically, to ladies groups and children's Sunday Schools as well as to whole churches. It has truly been a blessing to see all the people God has put in place to help me along the way. Whether it has been people opening their house for me to stay in, giving me food, praying for me, or giving words of encouragement and advice it has all been a huge blessing. I love how many different people I have gotten to meet and partner with these past two months and am looking forward to meeting more.



Prayer Requests

- Safety While Traveling
- Good health for the coming busy season
- That language school would go well (I start online next month)
- That the Lord would be preparing the hearts of the people I will be meeting in Japan

Praises

- I am at 42% of my needed support!
- Getting to see many old friends and reconnect with people and churches that have had a great impact on my life.

Photos

1. Touring the first baptist church built in America.
2. Being interviewed at Greater Rhode Island Baptist Church
3. Getting to play the violin in the church I grew up in, in California
4. Teaching the children's church

Thank you for all your prayers'

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