



## Ignite Praise Goes Thai

Ignite Praise is filled with lots of fun and adventure. Events that build and connect people into church community while getting them to explore the world and cultures around them is so much fun.



This was no exception at the recent Ignite Praise Thai night. Of course the food was the great feature of the evening. There was also Thai music and some even attempted Thai dancing - at least I think that's what they were doing...



How was it guys? Did you enjoy the evening? You bet they did!



With Christmas just around the corner, we can't wait to see how much fun everyone will have connecting with new people and sharing with each other.

We are especially looking forward to the Ignite Praise team leading Christmas Carols in the local park on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. This will be followed by a wonderful potluck dinner back at Church with the church family.

Everyone is welcome! Even you, if you are in Fukuoka at the time. Come along. Bring a friend.

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Eugene and Fiona, are looking to purchase a vehicle to be able to regularly transport their family and any Team Members and missionaries, to and from ministry venues.

They are also wanting to be able to transport any church planting equipment to and from venues as well as to outreach activities. They will also need to have transportation for any visiting mission's workers.

Please make a donation towards this project by visiting:

<https://acci.nationbuilder.com/m188>



## Hakata International School Concert



It's that time of year again where HIS (Hakata International School) has their end of year concert. What an amazing job they did. We even had the three tenors!

Who knew that there are professional tambourine teachers? The students were so good praising God with tambourines and completing a complicated routine.



Everybody also enjoyed the self-choreographed dances that the students performed.



## Blessed by good friends

It was such a wonderful blessing to have one of our very good friends come over to visit and stay with us for a week. It was really great that she could come and spend time with us. Jessica and Elyssa in particular enjoyed their time with her. It also gave us an opportunity and an excuse to see some local sites for the first time since arriving here a year and a half ago.



Thank you for all of your love and support. We REALLY appreciate it.

## SALVATION AND HEALING IN THE PARK

Over the last year Eugene has been regularly visiting a man (Mr I) who lives in the local park. Nearly every week they spend time together, share life and talk about God. Mr I has been teaching Eugene some Japanese and Eugene has been teaching him about God and God's love for him.

Mr I is also very generous. When Eugene's bicycle was recently stolen a local company donated an old one. Mr I loves being able to work on things being a former electrical engineer. He blessed us by helping fix it and used it as an opportunity to spend time with another friend of his who also lives in the park.

It is wonderful to now be able to report that a few weeks ago Mr I decided to start a relationship with God and Eugene was able to lead him through the sinner's prayer. Mr I has cancer and we are believing in God for a miracle of healing. So far with prayer the cancer has stopped growing in size. God's mercy! Please pray with us.

Mr I also knows many locals and many people stop by the park to chat with him. An elderly friend came by and complained about being in lots of pain with arthritis, especially in her knees.

Eugene asked if he could pray for her and she agreed! So right there in the park, with Mr I interpreting Eugene was able to pray and by the Holy Spirit's power she was healed.

## Power in a child's touch

We all know that God wants us to come to him as children, so it was no surprise when the faith of my daughter was answered.



After a long hard week that included working with the team to clean a very dirty house for a lady that contacted the church, my foot was in a lot of pain. Fiona was massaging it and can testify to my girly behaviour.

Jessica wanted to pray for daddy's foot which she did. Instantly it was healed and the pain left completely. It was wonderful to be able to act manly again!

Visit <http://www.accimissions.org.au/panasia2017> if you would like to register for Pan Asia 2017.

We would like to encourage everyone to download the messages from the 2016 conference. Please go to <http://www.accimissions.org.au/audio>



Thank you to everyone who has supported one day. You can really impact the world for an entire year by getting involved with just one day of your life. One day has supported Hakata New Life Church by providing much needed funds for church equipment which will assist outreach activities.



## Facts & Figures

### How do they celebrate Christmas in Japan?

Christmas is not a national holiday in Japan but it is very much a secular celebration.

Shopping centres and public places become adorned with Christmas decorations and Christmas carols are often heard. The light displays are amazing! At Hakata station (our local railway station and the major transport hub for Fukuoka) there is a Christmas market that runs for about a month. This has lots of food stalls as well as performers including Gospel choirs singing carols.

Many families have their own Christmas trees and people enjoy decorating their homes. Christmas Eve is actually celebrated more than Christmas day. Chicken is on the menu for most families and supermarkets stock huge amounts of cooked chicken (roasted and fried) which is heavily consumed on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of December. KFC has its highest sales at Christmas time!

Our prayer is that this year many Japanese people will have the opportunity to hear about and respond to the real meaning of Christmas.

# Four Ways to Get Involved

Everyone can easily participate in the Geberts' journey by giving support in one of the four areas needed.



### PRAYER

The Geberts need your prayers as they step out in faith; with the vision of Japan as a nation that loves God. God sees Japan as it will be; a Christian nation.

There will be regular updates on how you can pray specifically for them and the situations they work with in Fukuoka and Japan. Pg 4 has their prayer needs.

We all need to keep God the central focus in all we do.



### FINANCE & GIVING

Financial giving is so important and key to being able to do what needs to be done. One off donations are great, and regular monthly commitments essential.

Everyone can be a key part in God's work by simply making a commitment to support the Geberts so that people who have never heard the good news have a chance to accept God's life changing love.

ALL IT TAKES IS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO DECIDE TO NEVER TIRE OF DOING GOOD, OWN THE VISION & ACT



### SOCIAL MEDIA

The Geberts need the word to go out around Australia about what God has called them to do. They need everyone who has a heart to see Japan changed by the good news, to share with their friends how they too can become involved.

This can be done through Facebook by going to [www.facebook.com/japandirections](http://www.facebook.com/japandirections), and liking and sharing with your friends and talking to them about it. At the moment the Facebook site's purpose is to draw people to the website <http://japandirections.com/>. This is where people can find all the information needed on the work the Geberts are doing and more.

At the moment there are 245 likes on Facebook, which is a great start. Keep the momentum going and get the word out directing people to both the Facebook and webpages where all the relevant information and forms can be found as well as commendations.



### SENDING SHORT TERM TEAMS

As part of their vision the Geberts are interested in hearing from supporters who would like to send a team with talents to assist among other things with evangelistic outreach activities.

The Geberts would love to consider having you along on field. What an opportunity to come and have fun in serving the local Church in Japan. Please email Eugene: [Japandirections@gmail.com](mailto:Japandirections@gmail.com)

A special login section on the website will provide teams with access to all relevant information including maps, itineraries, emergency contact information, basic survival language etc.

Teams will be under the direction of the senior pastor and the Geberts.



## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup>: Elyssa's end of year Kindy Concert

18<sup>th</sup>: Christmas carols and dinner at church.

The church has also been given permission to hold Christmas carols in the local park from 5:30pm – 6:00pm.

## Praise and Prayer Points

We are so thankful and praise God that:

- Mr I gave his heart to Jesus.
- Eugene has had several God encounters with people at a local park.
- Two people who have been coming to Ignite English are now regularly coming to the Ignite Praise service.
- Eugene was given a free bike and that Mr I was able to help restore it so that it can now be used.
- Eugene was also given an old motorcycle that doesn't work and needs lots of TLC. He has now started working on it with someone who wants to study mechanics in the future as a means of getting them started and providing an opportunity to spend time together.
- We were able to visit the Kansai region of Japan and spend time with friends.
- Our long-time friend was able to visit us
- Fiona received a wonderful package from the ladies at a supporting church. We were blown away by their love and generosity.

- Jessica is continuing to do well in school and especially with her Japanese reading and writing. Elyssa is thriving at her kindergarten.
- For all our many friends, family and partners who love us and uphold us in prayer.

Please pray for the following:

- Ignite Praise: for people resources (especially interpreters and worship leaders) and pray that those who have been attending for a while will have open hearts and take that step of giving their lives to Jesus.
- That Mr I will grow in his relationship with God and that the cancer will be completely healed.
- That over the Christmas season many will hear and accept the good news in the nation of Japan.
- For continued opportunities to demonstrate God's love and be His hands and feet.
- Please pray for us as we seek wisdom for future strategy and direction. This is perhaps our most needed area of personal prayer.
- Health for our family (it is now approaching winter and we have been dealing with colds and other viruses)



**PRAY  
FOR  
JAPAN**