

Missions Conference



We praise God for the amazing opportunity we had in March to return to Australia for a few short weeks. We are so thankful to have been able to catch up with family, friends and some partner Churches.

We also praise God that we were able to be guest speakers this year at Cityview's Missions Conference in WA. Thank you Cityview Church for inviting us and making us feel so loved and part of the family.

Partnering with churches around Australia is a humbling experience. It's an amazing and dynamic relationship, by God's design for missions to the world so that His kingdom can come.

We were able to encourage and inspire by sharing what God has been doing here in Japan, as well as providing a fresh living Word from God in season.

At the moment God is speaking to the churches around the world about scattering seeds. It is up to us all to learn to be faithful in scattering seeds in everyone's life around us. It is up to them to prepare their hearts soil, and it's up to God to make seeds grow. What a wonderful Word in season.

ACCI Missions & Relief



It's a simple idea, with a powerful impact:

Giving one day's salary can make a pivotal impact for good in individual lives and their communities around the world.

This year, we invite you to join us in 1Day by setting aside a Sunday to ask your congregation to give one day's salary.



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Praise God for His faithfulness and for the faithfulness of his body the church.

Eugene is hoping to return to Australia later in the year to visit some more of our Church partners.

End of an era



Elyssa said her final farewells as she finished up kindergarten, another chapter closed! But not without celebration of the relationship our family has with the kindergarten and friends that were made during our time there.



We will always praise God for the wonderful opportunities we had to touch and impact people's lives and share life together as we raise children in Japan. What an amazing way to connect with and make friends, learn language, culture and grow in every way. It was such an honour to be a close part of so many people's lives. Thank you heavenly Father, for giving us such amazing opportunities to share life and love.

MINISTRY PROJECTS

As well as needing regular monthly support we are also raising funds for various ministry projects such as:

Ministry venue: Our ministry venue costs \$1500 per month and we are raising much needed funds to assist with this cost.

Sign: We are raising funds to place a sign on the outside of the building.

Kitchen: We would like to upgrade the cooking facilities so that we can also provide some meals to the homeless as well as the bread that we currently provide.

Computers: The 2 laptops that we currently have are very old and have issues. We will need to replace these soon.

To assist with giving please visit:

<https://donate.acci.org.au/form-4487739/gebert-fw172-pledge> . When completing the form please tick 'Ministry Projects' to give to projects or 'Personal Support' to partner with us on a monthly basis.

SUPERHEROS NEEDED



What are you made of?
Are you a person of God?
Are you still wrapped up in plastic?
It's time to get in touch with your superhero.
What's God's destiny for you life?
Now is the time for you
to find out!

FACTS & FIGURES

On August 8, 2016 Emperor Akihito indicated his desire to abdicate due to declining health. As the Constitution does not have provision for this, a special one time law was passed in June 2017.

The role of emperor in Japan no longer has any political power or the status of a living god as it once did but the emperor holds the formal position of head of Japan.

During a special holiday period, the Emperor abdicated the throne in a special ceremony on April 30, 2019.

The following day his eldest son, Naruhito who is 59 became the 126th emperor of Japan. At the special ceremony the new emperor inherited the royal regalia that serves as ceremonial proof of his ascension, including a sacred sword and jewels. The Crown Princess Masako became the new empress.

More formal enthronement ceremonies will occur on October 22 which will involve visits from VIP's from around the world.

The Imperial era of Heisei, which began on Jan. 8, 1989, came to an end, and the new era of Reiwa began on 1 May 2019. Reiwa means "beautiful harmony".

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. Page 4 has their prayer needs. We all need to keep God the central focus in all we do.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Geberts' need the word to go out around Australia. 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, and liking and sharing with your friends and talking to them about it. The website <http://japandirections.com/> is where all the information on the work the Geberts are doing.



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



GIVING & FINANCE

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.



SERVING & SENDING SHORT TERM TEAMS

The Geberts are interested in hearing from supporters who would like to send a team with talents to assist with evangelistic outreach. They 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 Ps. Eugene: Japandirections@gmail.com Teams will be under the direction of the Geberts. However they should come with their own team leader. Individual/s please get in touch for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE 2019

MAY 2019

- May 11 – Kids Fun Time Outreach
- May 16 – Elyssa's 7th birthday
- June 15 – Kids Fun Time Outreach
- June 24 – Pastor Ian Peters and Maree Peters will arrive for a week of ministry
- June 29 and 30 – Church Conference with Pastor Ian and Maree Peters

JULY 2019

- July 13 – Kids Fun Time Outreach
- July 20 – Fiona's Birthday
- July 29 – 1 August Pan Asia Conference in Phuket, Thailand

PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

PRAISE GOD BECAUSE:

- 🔔 Praise God that Zac, a young man from Western Australia arrived safely. Zac will be studying Japanese for 2 years and will also be part of our church family, helping out specifically with the worship team.
- 🔔 The 'Kids Fun Time' outreach continues to grow with 2 more new attendees at the outreach we held in April.
- 🔔 The trip to Australia went well and we had the opportunity to share about the ministry here with many churches as well as catch up with some family and friends.
- 🔔 Elyssa started her first year of elementary school in April. Like her sister she is in the Japanese public system and she is doing well.
- 🔔 Praise God that we have a Japanese translator able to assist with the Food Distribution Ministry twice a month to the needy in the local community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- 🔔 We believe that this is a new season of ministry for us. Pray for open doors and that we would be able to scatter seed and see more fruit in this community.
- 🔔 That we can connect with new partners to help journey with us in prayer and finances for this work in Japan.
- 🔔 Good health for all the family
- 🔔 Continue to pray for Japanese workers to help with the ministry – specifically interpreting, music and children's ministry/outreach

