

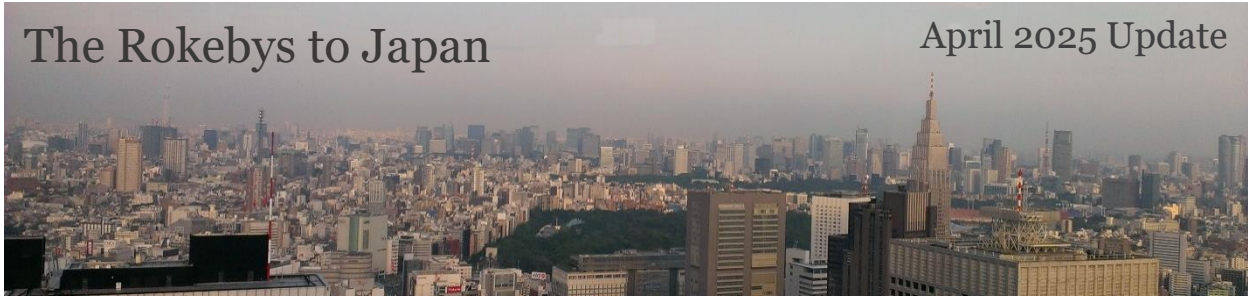
Dear Family and Friends,

We pray that this letter finds you enjoying the sights and sounds of spring. Here, the fleeting beauty of the cherry blossoms has been carried away by warm spring breezes. The other day Andrew lamented, "I like spring, but in Japan it reminds me that summer is coming!"

This past month we were busy with kids' schooling changes and a visit from Canada. Andrew's parents flew in from Ontario to make their first visit to Japan. Highlights of our time together include a trip to Kyoto, a balloon battle, and many hours spent reading books with Grandpa. Tears were shed at the airport as the kids waved goodbye and blew kisses. The same week, we celebrated Resurrection Sunday with our Japanese brothers and sisters at Saikyo Nozomi Chapel. While our neighbours politely declined our invitations, we saw other new faces when our church met for worship. During the service, we broke off into groups and shared our testimonies. We were encouraged to hear the different ways in which others were drawn to God in a country where the vast majority of people have not heard the Gospel. Through their stories, God's sovereignty in salvation was clearly demonstrated to us.



We shared good fellowship at our annual field team gathering



May will see us continuing our language studies, homeschooling, and exploring potential partnerships. Andrew is planning to meet a church planter a couple of hours north of Tokyo to learn about a proposal to start a church in the prefectural capital. We have not previously considered ministry in this area, but we want to be open to how the Lord might lead us.

If you would like to join us for our monthly prayer time, please check out the info below. We would love to see you.

In Christ,

Andrew, Tanja, John, Anna, and Peter

Prayers and Praises

1. Soon, Andrew is planning to visit a Japanese church planter north of the Tokyo area. Please pray for clear and open communication, discernment, and wisdom for our family as we explore if this project might be a good fit.
2. Our neighbour's (Mrs. T) only child will soon be moving overseas for work, so she seems sad and lonely lately. We invited her out to Easter service at our church, but she politely declined. Please pray that we could be an encouragement to her and that we might know how to best speak the Truth into her life at this time.
3. John and Anna continue to settle into their new school schedules with John homeschooling and Anna in Japanese kindergarten. Please continue to pray for them as they adjust to new routines and for Tanja as she teaches John.