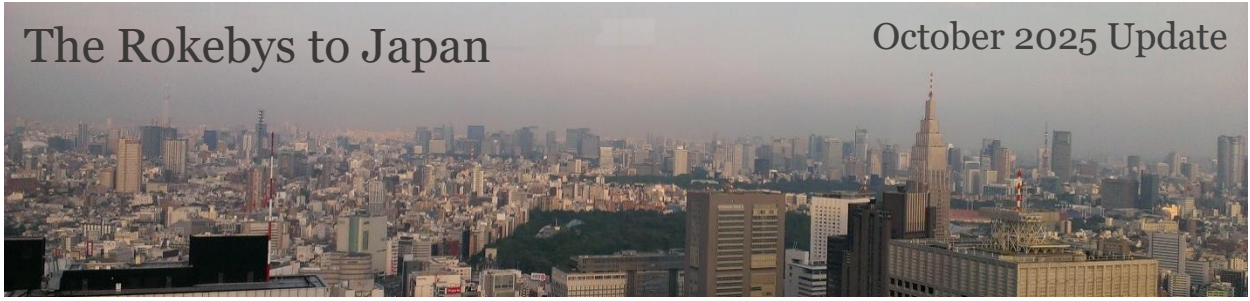
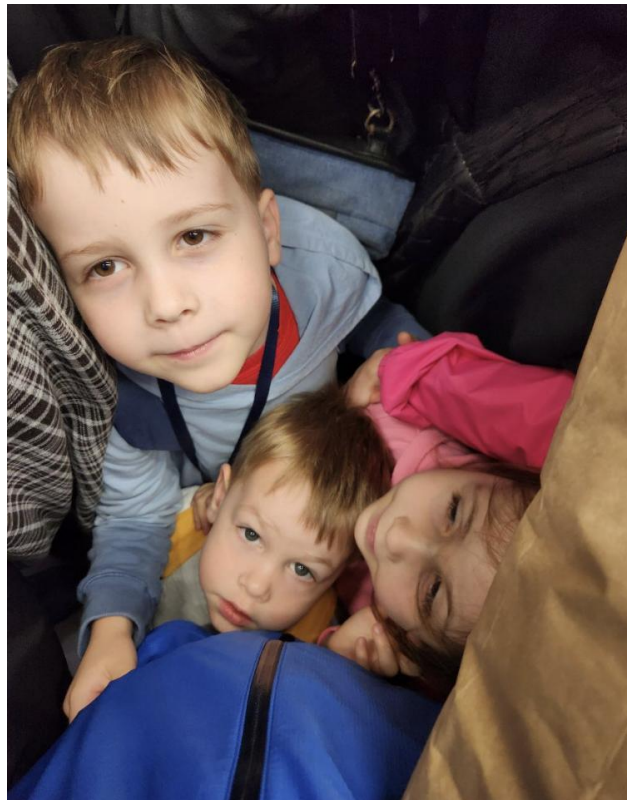




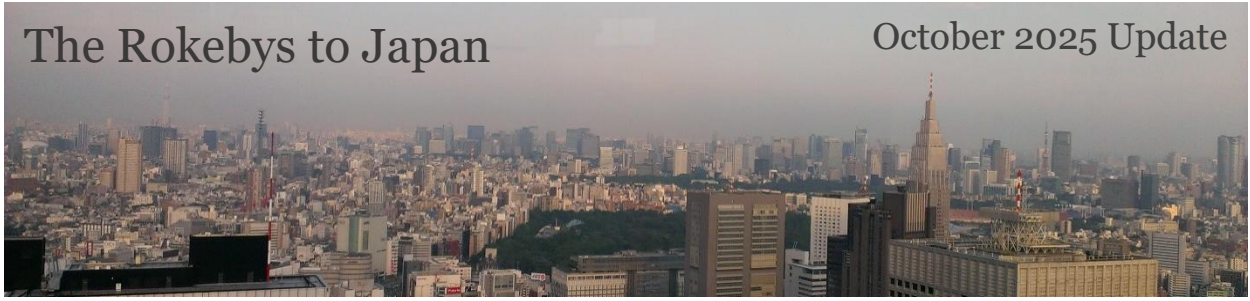
Dear Family and Friends,

We pray that this letter finds you walking off all the turkey and stuffing from Thanksgiving. We did not find a turkey this year, but Tanja made authentic pumpkin pies using canned pumpkin brought by visitors from Canada. We delivered slices of pie to our neighbours who were intrigued that we were celebrating Thanksgiving in October and not November.

Ten years ago this fall, we moved to Japan for five months to seek the Lord's leading for our future in missions. We served with church planters at what was then known as Denen Grace Chapel. We were blessed by our host church's kindness, patience, and hospitality. When we returned to Japan for long term service, we extended an offer of assistance to that same church. In April, we started a half-year process of discernment to see if Mizonokuchi Chapel would want to partner again. This month, the leadership team let us know that the church is not yet ready to receive a long-term missionary family. At first, we were disappointed, but we understand that the church is in transition as they search for a Japanese pastor. Please continue to pray for the future of Mizonokuchi Chapel as they shine the light of the gospel in Kawasaki.



The kids experienced their first "cram train" on the way to our annual mission-wide business meeting



Some of you might remember that we hosted a neighbourhood Christmas party last year. About ten of our neighbours came and enjoyed hot chocolate, homemade cookies, and conversation about Christmas in Canada. This year, Andrew is thinking of reading the Christmas story from Luke in Japanese. Generally, Japanese people like to plan ahead, so we are aiming to have our invitations out by the middle of November. We are excited to see how God will use this event for His Glory.

In Christ,

Andrew, Tanja, John, Anna, and Peter

Prayers and Praises

1. Over the past months, we have been asking for prayer that God would give us wisdom and discernment as we explored a potential partnership with Mizonokuchi Chapel. Recently, the leadership of Mizonokuchi Chapel let us know that it is not the right time for the church to receive a long-term missionary. Please pray that God would give the leadership of Mizonokuchi Chapel wisdom to shepherd the church and that God would lead them to a Japanese pastor.
2. In the coming month, we have a few engagements scheduled with potential ministry partners. On November 9th, we will travel two hours north of our home to meet with Japanese national church planters. We will also meet with a nearby missionary family who is interested in planting a church about twenty minutes from our current home. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we consider these opportunities.
3. We are starting preparations for our second annual neighbourhood Christmas party. In the next few weeks, we will deliver invitations. Please pray that our neighbours will attend and hear the gospel.