

TAKING THE RISEN SAVIOR TO THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN

THE PARKER FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN



September - October 2024

Dear Pastor and friends,

The last couple months have been some of the most eventful we have had on deputation. The closer we get to Japan, the more difficulties arise. It is clear Satan does not want more missionaries in Japan but through it all we have received much grace through the unexpected. Between a mouse invasion, many illnesses, a phone that went swimming, and some major vehicle issues, all of our "rest days" quickly were replaced with 50+ hours of additional driving and an unwelcomed amount of 4 AM wakeups. Through it though, we were able to experience the support system and care of churches and individuals in a different way. We are so thankful for the people that have been placed in our life and for the prayers on our behalf. Grateful for God's grace, protection and provision through it all. While we have continued to stay busy and added nearly 10,000 travel miles this period, we are also praying and preparing to head out in January. The paperwork process is underway, there is an upcoming ordination in two weeks, 10% remaining support with under 10 scheduled churches remaining. The end of deputation is nearly in view. The kids have been becoming increasingly anxious for "our house God will give us in Japan".

Until then, we have embraced the firsts and lasts for our family. Madelynn has been enjoying her first food, she was given her first In-N-Out burger, got her first teeth, said her first word, and is sitting and scooting around. While we are enjoying watching her experience all her firsts, we are also becoming more aware of our lasts in the States. With this in mind, after a year of coordinating, we were able to get nearly everyone together for extended family photos. We are looking forward to one more Thanksgiving and Christmas spent in Kansas in the coming months.

Meanwhile, we continue to seek opportunities to share Jesus Christ with those we meet on the road. The Lord has given many opportunities with those in hotel breakfast rooms, in restaurants, and at rest stops. This last week we were in Arizona after a month of special missions conferences. We were able to drive up to the Grand Canyon and enjoy God's creation. Jaelynn boldly shared the story of Noah with unsuspecting tourists and explaining how God caused the flood and it helped create this Natural Wonder. Even a four-year-old can unashamedly share the Truth. It has been a blessing to see her grow in her knowledge of the Bible. She knows the stories and can explain the Gospel now but lacks conviction and repentance. Please pray with us for her to understand her need for a Saviour.

We thank you all for your prayers over the last few months. We ask that you pray for continued safety and health as we travel, that the remaining support and moving costs would be raised by early December when our current deputation schedule ends, for the paperwork process to go smoothly, and a house for our family to be available when we arrive. Lord willing, only one more prayer letter before we arrive on the field!

Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

In Christ,
Jack Parker

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