

From the Editor

Jesus called his people to pray for workers for the harvest. Our latest answer to that prayer, Priscilla Kok (Hong Kong-Canadian), this month shares her testimony of why she joined WEC Japan one year ago. Do pray for her and others like her, at the start of their missionary journeys.

News and Prayer Points

We have just had our annual field conference. After prayer, we delayed choosing the new leader until next year. Until then, Martin and Julie Crowhurst will continue leading. Do pray for them!

A mission team of four Japanese women from our churches are serving in a church in the Philippines this week. Pray for their time there, and for long lasting impacts through them to others!

Pray for Madi Robb and for Nick Mason; both are waiting for a missionary visas to Japan, so they can come here again from Australia and Canada respectively, to church plant.

Pray for other new workers for Japan too, including the Cummings family from America who hope to come this summer.

Our newest church planting team was launched at conference. Please pray for the Cozens, Wilsons, Yims, Tans, (and Madi Robb on arrival). They will be seeking to enter groups in society, or form them, in order to witness to Christ and then form house churches. Their hope is that this style of work will develop the members and multiply to form other churches.

Why I Came To Japan

Until today, I am still not sure why I have come to Japan. I was never interested in Nintendo or manga, nor want to follow the trendy fashion, nor enjoy all the different Miso soup.

As I was preparing to become a missionary, I went through a 'renovation'. When I was 13, my family moved from Hong Kong to Canada. For me the transition was very difficult. God broke me down completely (almost): He shattered my dreams, my identity, and myself. I reached to the very bottom, where I could do nothing to help myself. But it was there where God could finally do His part: He brought healing, new life, joy and new desires.

I would never imagine I could stand up again, and even more, to become a missionary! Because of this new life that I have received from God, I always remind myself— my life is no longer my own. Right when I felt very content with wherever and whatever God wanted me to go or do. He put a burden in my heart for the Japanese through prayers. I can't explain it, but I feel there's a 'force' pulling me towards Japan.

I had a Japanese classmate back in Bible College. While everyone else was complaining about having too much homework, or the food was not good, she was always very happy. She then shared with me that she had never been with so many Christians before (my College only had about 40 students!). Back in Japan, she had



no other Christians at her workplace, and she had been having meals by herself for almost 20 years! And now she felt like she was in heaven! I don't know what God has planned for me yet, but after hearing from this classmate, one of my desires is to give the Japanese a chance to meet a Christian face to face.

I had many fears before I came to Japan, but God encouraged me through the story of crossing the Jordan in Joshua 3. "Go and stand in the river!" He only wants me to be in Japan, to stand here with faith, like the priests who carried the ark standing firmly on dry ground. And He will part the water, He will take care of the rest, in a mighty way.

Priscilla Kok