



# Grace Jackson

*Serving the Lord in*  
**Japan**

Dear Praying Friends,

**February - March  
2025**

It does not seem like I should have already been in Japan for two months but somehow the time has flown by, and it is finally starting to feel like I live here. Thank you for all your prayers! Several of the very large prayer requests I asked you to pray for have been answered and that has been a huge blessing.

Most of February was spent getting settled and going to various government offices to file paperwork. By the end of the month, I was able to find an apartment close to the church for a very reasonable price and started renting it. I was also able to find a good language school and am now a full-time language school student! Thank you for all that have been praying for my visa situation. Praise the Lord I was able to do all the paperwork in Japan, which meant I did not have to fly back to the US, and I now have my official zairyu (resident) card which is good for the next three years! There are still a few small things that need to be done as part of moving to Japan but the church staff and church members of Senri Newtown Baptist Church have been such a blessing with helping me get everything that I need. One of the church ladies even gave me an electric bicycle which is a tremendous help in getting around in Japan. At the moment my Japanese skills are definitely lacking therefore making language study the top priority and somewhat limiting me as far as what I am able to do in ministry. However, I still have been able to get involved in helping distribute church literature every week, cleaning with the church ladies, and being a part of the music ministry.

March is an incredibly busy time of year in Japan as that is when the school year ends (the new school year beginning in April) and it was rather busy for me as well. At the beginning of March Kansai Independent Baptist Bible School (Founded by Dr. Sisk and other missionaries) held their graduation as well as a Bible Conference that coincides with it. I traveled down to the college and stayed for the week to help with the food preparations. This year, it was all missionary ladies in the kitchen and it was a blessing to be able to serve many of the Japanese pastors and their wives who had come in for the conference and graduation. There were five graduates this year with one returning for his final year of seminary. When the school restarts in April there will be four students enrolled. Two weeks after the graduation, Senri Newtown hosted a Teen Camp with over 140 people attending from churches all over Japan. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with many challenging and encouraging messages. Some teens heard the gospel for the first time while others made decisions including one young lady from Senri Newtown who made the decision to get baptized. It was also a blessing at the end of March to witness the baptism service of a young lady at the church. There have been many visitors that have come to the church in the past few weeks and I would ask that you would please pray they would continue to come and hear the gospel. We are already passing out flyers and invitations for Easter services and I would greatly covet your prayers that many people would be able to come and hear the gospel that day.

Thank you for all your continuing prayers'

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## Prayer Requests

- Opportunities to witness and share the gospel
- Japanese language learning
- Easter services
- For many to hear the gospel and get saved but especially for the younger generation.
- Young Adult retreat May 5-6

## Praises

- I was able to get my religious visa and resident card without having to travel back to the US!
- Found a good language school and an apartment!
- I was gifted an electric bicycle by a very sweet church lady to be able to use to ride to church and get around town.
- 2 ladies (one recently saved and the other a teen at youth camp) made the public decision to get baptized!

## Photos

1. Giving my testimony (with the help of a translator) to the church.
2. Bible College Graduation Ceremony
3. Candlelight service during Youth Camp.
4. I had the opportunity to play my violin as part of the orchestra at Youth Camp.