

It really seems like time has been flying these last few months and I would love to give you an update on how February and March were. Most of the month of February I was busy in missions conferences in South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia. I had the opportunity to present my ministry and burden for Japan to the churches and was also able to teach a few of the children's church classes as well. It was an encouragement to be able to talk to quite a few teenage girls who were seeking the Lord's will as they felt the Lord was calling them into missions.

During March I was almost fully booked with meetings all over Virginia and along with being able to present to churches was able to speak at Ladies meetings, nursing home ministries, and in Sunday Schools. Though I was not able to spend my birthday in Japan (hopefully next year) I was able to be the first missionary to present at a very new (only eight weeks old) church plant in southern Virginia. It was exciting to be able to be a small part of a new church plant in the US. They had found out it was my birthday and were very sweet to spoil me with cupcakes and lunch. Even though there is a great need to share the gospel around the world, there is still a great need for many parts of the United States to hear as well. At the end of March, I drove up to New York and was part of a wonderful missions conference/pastors conference in Horseheads, New York. Growing up, missions conferences were always one of my favorite things and as a missionary on deputation that has not changed much. I love both the added fellowship with church members and getting to know them better as well as getting to meet and fellowship with many other missionaries. At the end of March I learned one of my best friends from college (and now a fellow missionary in Ethiopia) was going to have to have emergency surgery in Dubai. The Lord opened the door for me to be able to fly there almost for free and be with her before the surgery. It was wonderful to be able to recharge and reconnect with a godly friend and hear how the Lord had been working in her and her husband's life.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for opportunities for me to be able to witness on the road as well as traveling safety. The Lord used a large fruit basket that I needed to get rid of as a tool to witness to a hotel concierge. He also provided when I left my passport onboard a plane during a layover and six hours later was able to get it back! What a miracle.

Although it has been harder scheduling meetings more last minute for the spring, God has continued to provide and it has been such a privilege to be on deputation and see God work. I am reminded of Lamentations 3: 22-23, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

Thank you for all your prayers'

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Prayer Requests

- Safety While Traveling.
- Opportunities to witness while traveling.
- That I will be able to find an in-person language school and an apartment when I reach Japan.
- That the Lord will be working in the hearts of the people of Japan.
- That the Lord would provide for a few more meetings in the spring.
- Smoothness for the visa application that I will be starting soon.

Praises

- I have reached 79% of my needed support!
- I was able to recover my passport after losing it on a plane!
- 2 souls saved during missions conferences and children's lessons!
- Time to rest and reconnect with good friends.

Photos

- 1. The Dubai city skyline
- 2. Taking part in the missions conference of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Horseheads, NY