

NEW OPPORTUNITIES cont'd

In the last newsletter, we asked for prayer: "God help us prepare for new roles and bring fruit and bring excitement to his church." The answer was not what we expected.

We attended the successful launch of the Joy of Japan Center in Nagoya on July 13-14 but it became clear that the project needed a team, and person, who would live in Nagoya.

We were left wondering what we should do because we didn't feel called to move back to Nagoya.

In September, Koji was offered a role in working under the Executive Board of JPM (Japan Presbyterian Mission) to act as a bridge between English speaking missionaries, and Japanese pastors and lay leaders.

This was confirmed on October 8 at our local Presbyterian Church of Japan meeting. I will be based in Osaka, but have a Japan-wide role, which includes mentoring, translation and training.

Koji:

Praise God that the 1000-page, 11-translator, two-year church planting & growth project was completed on July 1! Materials are already being used in churches. I will attend the Gospel in the City Seminar in Tokyo, October 18, where the Grace Church Planting Network will present many of these translated modules.

Marcia:

Fall classes began at Kobe Shoin Women's University in late September.

Marcia has been asked to help with an English language business for an Osaka church in order to bring people to their building and help defray the cost of big city rents. *Please pray for wisdom and progress of this.*



Sept. neighbor baby shower for Midori & husband, who we marriage coached

LET THEM GIVE GLORY TO THE LORD AND DECLARE HIS PRAISE IN THE ISLANDS.

ISAIAH 42: 12

The photo above is of the Seto Inland Sea, which connects Honshu (our island), Shikoku, and Kyushu, pop. 120 million.



Marcia's students, two who went to church with her this summer

PRAY FOR these students, who are in study abroad programs for 4 to 6 months. *Pray also for a new group of students.*



In July, one of our Bible studies gathered at Osaka University. One of the members is a professor there.

PRAY FOR spiritual growth for all of us and for salvation for three of the members.



We celebrated 32 years of marriage last month. *Praise God for His faithfulness* over 25 years in Japan as an international couple raising bi-cultural children.

Thank you for your gifts and prayers that made this possible!