



## Bailey Bulletin October 2021

We're HOME! We arrived back in Tokyo on August 25th, and after spending almost four hours going through the new health procedures to enter the country, we were taken by bus to a government-affiliated hotel to begin three days of quarantine. We weren't allowed to leave our room and were contacted several times a day by phone to ensure we were following the correct protocol. After



A recently discovered photo from 1985 at my tea ceremony presentation.

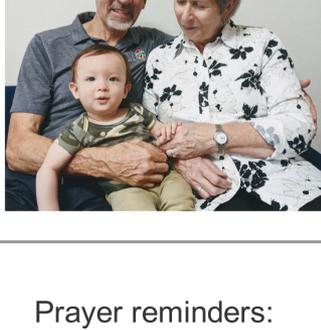
successfully passing our third CoVid test in four days, we were allowed to transfer to a private facility to continue the 14-day quarantine process. Because we have no home to return to, we have rented an apartment from the Evangelical Free Mission until we locate housing. During this time, we joined the annual Japan Field Council meeting by Zoom, four days of business and reports.

On our 15th day in Japan, we were FREE to leave quarantine! That very day we visited a realtor and began negotiations on a house in the Kamifukuoka Christ Church area! We passed the preliminary application and were told to wait to hear from the realtor. After one week of waiting, we contacted the company, to be told that due to our employer being in the States, it was difficult to obtain information. After being told to be "patient" with the process, we continued to wait another ten days, only to be told that the owner had denied us to rent due to our "religious affiliation."

Disappointed, but trusting God to locate something better, we visited two other realtors.

Mr. "A" (who we've requested prayer for since 2015), lives in government housing and recommended we try applying there. He went with us, and we found an apartment in his building, two minutes' walk from the train station, right across the street from where we lived before returning to the U.S. last year! We once again began the negotiation process and have preliminary approval, not a small step for foreigners living in Japan. We return to the realtors again this Saturday, October 9th, to sign final papers if we have no difficulties. Please pray with us! We've been living in temporary housing since August 1st, and we're anxious to get settled and began renewing friendships in the church area and to avoid the two-hour round trip from our temporary housing.

We are blessed to have a new KCC team with Rusty and Brenda Carney, missionaries in Japan for the last twelve years! Brenda was our two-year affiliate missionary at Good News Chapel in 2001-2003 and we're thrilled to have her back on our team! They filled in during our Home Assignment, and have felt led by God to partner with us in the KCC ministries. We are sharing the speaking and music responsibilities, and our English and Bible classes are reopening after the government slowdown during the pandemic. We resume our Mommy and Me Classes on October 8th and 9th, Ken begins teaching a children's class at Iriso Church on October 6th, replacing Shannon Little who is returning to the States for Home Assignment. I will begin teaching the Iriso Church Women's English/Bible Class on October 14th.



### Prayer reminders:

Mr. "A" is still attending weekly Bible studies and is excited to (hopefully) be having us as his new neighbors; pray for his salvation.

Mr. "N" #2 has not attended services with his wife and son since we left Japan last year; please pray that he will be moved by the Holy Spirit to accept Christ and provide a Christian home for his young son! Pray for his wife (a committed Christian and KCC member) who is dealing with some health issues.

As we resume the class responsibilities, please pray for our witness to the unsaved, and for our physical and spiritual strength.

Please pray for the health and adjustment of Judy's 93-yr. old dad, Rev. Elmer Turnbough; he entered Assisted Living in Rolla, MO, shortly before we left in August.

Praise! A young elementary student we've known since the day of his birth, and son of KCC Church members, will be baptized on October 10th. It's unusual in Japan to have someone so young follow through with baptism, and we thank God for his boldness.

Praise! We were able to spend a few weeks with our daughter's family in Seattle before boarding for Tokyo. Tracey, Jeremy, and our three older grandchildren are such a blessing to us, and we're thankful to have had this time together before saying "goodbye" for a few years.

Praise! We finally got to meet our newest grandchild, 10-month-old Shion Bailey! He was born last November in Osaka, Japan, and we've been anticipating seeing him for the first time. We traveled the week after quarantine to Ben and Ayumi's home to get acquainted with little Shion. What a joy to have a grandchild in the same country!

THANK YOU for your faithful prayer and financial support! God is so good, and we praise Him every day that we can be His witness in Japan!

Here to follow His will,

Ken and Judy Bailey

*"And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ," Col. 4:3a*

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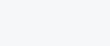
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