

## NEWS FROM MICHELLE KO

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*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8*

I'm excited to be able to bring more news to you all so soon since my last update in March. God has provided for me through your generous giving and I am close to reaching my missions funds goal. Praise God for his gracious provisions every time. Since my last newsletter many things have happened: the loss of a close friend, my father's hospitalization, and ministry opportunities with Japanese friends. Indeed God is able to make all grace abound in all circumstances.

### ***Unexpected Loss Brings Deep Reflection***

At the end of March a dear friend's life was taken too early and all who knew her were very shocked and deeply saddened. Our friend Monica served on the worship team with her husband James, led Bible

study small groups and was a friend to all. Her voice was like an angel and her life was a living example of Christ's love and grace. She had a heart for service and for people and everyone who knew her was deeply impacted by her. After her and her new born son's sudden death I could not forget the generosity of spirit, her heart to reach out to so many people of all walks of life and the huge impact she had on our church. I will never forget the times we prayed together, laughed together and all the support she gave me over the years. This has brought about a deep reflection for me on life as a servant of Christ and the impact we have on people we interact with on a daily basis.





At the same time my father was undergoing life threatening surgery for bladder cancer. Amazingly he survived the surgery and has been doing well since. He is not in a great condition but in light of it all this is the best scenario we could have hoped for. Please pray with me for my father's true salvation.

### ***Breaking Ground - Japanese Connections***

I have been meeting monthly with my missions team, and ministry candidates who are traveling to Japan to be long term missionaries there. These meetings have been so refreshing and have helped prepare us to work under the Japanese culture. It's also exciting to think of the future and what God has planned there.



In addition to this I have continued to study Japanese language and am still meeting weekly with four

different Japanese young ladies doing language exchange. This has been going on for nearly half a year and in the end has become a wonderful ministry opportunity. Through this language exchange I have come to know them individually and we have developed a stronger friendship each time we talk and share our lives and values. Please continue to pray for our friendship and opportunities to share the gospel with them.



### ***Why Missionaries Need Missions Organizations***

Many of you know that I have partnered with SIM since my first day on the mission field. SIM is an excellent missions organization and has invested a lot of time and effort in my growth, and personal and spiritual development over the



years. It has been a very nurturing relationship and I thank God for this opportunity.

In my experience, I realize that there is varied understanding of how missionaries are funded.

Thinking that being a missionary under an organization means we are funded by that organization. In fact as missionaries we rely on our supporters' generous donations and consistent support - we are not funded by our organization. Rather our missions organizations provide member care, networking and regulate the financial support coming in. They help missionaries to develop healthy missionary careers and most importantly - they provide accountability. For the services provided, each member will contribute to the administration cost of SIM. With that in mind and with great thanks to your generous support I have almost reached 80%

of my missions support which means that I can begin to prepare for the visa for Japan. Please pray with me that the remaining 20% will be able to be secured and I will be able to head out to Japan - in God's timing.

In conclusion, it has been a privilege as well as a learning experience to spend the time that I have had in Taiwan. By the grace and mercy of God and in his timing, and through your generous support, I look forward to the next steps He has for me.

In His time,  
Michelle

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