



Pawson's Prayer Letter

January 2021

Contacts despite Corona...

Dear friends,

The new year has arrived in a flurry of snow. We had a very relaxing and restful first Christmas in Japan. Thanks to some generous parcels we were almost able to have a recognisably British Christmas lunch with a couple of missionary friends. Despite COVID, our church had a candle-light service on Christmas Eve which was very enjoyable (despite the language challenges!). The winter is definitely here and with it a lot of snow. David's new exercise routine is snow shovelling, lots of snow shovelling, in the mornings to help clear the language school's car park.



David and Manuela Pawson, with Esther, are OMF missionaries in Japan, currently engaged in language and culture study.



Above: Going shopping...

Prayer Points

For a safe delivery of Baby Pawson and there to be no COVID, or other, complications.

For new energy and perseverance with language study this year. As well as for opportunities to practice.

That there would be spiritual breakthrough in Japan in 2021.

David, Manuela, Esther & ???

Into the New Year...

2021 promises to be a busy year for us. Baby Pawson is due at the end of January. COVID complicates this in a couple of ways. Firstly, I (David) won't be allowed to be at the birth and nor can I visit Manuela and Baby in hospital afterwards. Additionally, Manuela needs to have a COVID test a week before the due date and if this is positive then she will have to have a caesarean section.

Apart from a new member of the family arriving we will be continuing with language study this year. I (David) have started doing a weekly, Zoom call with a Japanese friend for some extra language practice and there should be other opportunities like these over the next 12 months. Over the next few months there will be new missionaries joining OMF Japan, so we will no longer be the newest students at the language school.

Also, at some point this year we will start attending a different church. This is to help us get different experiences of Japanese churches and what they are like. Whilst it has been a linguistic challenge at Sakaemachi, the people and pastor have been very welcoming to us and it will be a shame to leave.

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