



# Pawson's Prayer Letter

# April 2021

## Daily life...

Dear friends,

He is risen! How good is it that we can remember this at Easter. Jesus died for us and is now risen.

We would like to thank you for your prayers over the last month. Manuela's maternity leave finished at the end of March and for the last two weeks we have both been studying full-time and looking after the children. However, things seem to have gone well and we manage to get things done just in time. Thank you also for praying for Gideon, he is getting better at sleeping which means that we can all get a bit more rest.



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Above: Saying goodbye to the members of Sakae Kyokai

## Saying Goodbye...

In May we will start attending a new church, Seisho Kyokai (lit. Bible Church) for the next year. As part of our language study, OMF arranges for us to attend several different churches so that we can get some different experiences of Japanese churches.

As a result, today (11<sup>th</sup> April) we said goodbye to the members of Sakae Kyokai (lit. Glory Church) where we had been going for the past year. Due to our limited Japanese, constant mask wearing and shortened services we don't feel like we managed to get to know people very well. However, the church was always very welcoming to us.

There are also some changes at the language school. A couple of students have graduated and moved into their ministry roles and there is one new missionary who managed to get into Japan earlier this year. Now we are praying that the other dozen or so missionaries who are waiting to come will be able to get here.

At the beginning of May is Japan's annual Golden Week, a series of public holidays that will be our first holiday week this year.

## Prayer Points

**We are thankful that our lives have settled down into something of a routine.**

**Please pray for the missionaries who are waiting to enter Japan that they would be able to come soon.**

**David has a speech and some tests to do over the next few weeks. Please pray for good preparation.**

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