



San Diego Japanese Christian Church

Upward Way

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6). Jesus is the Upward Way!

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Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

In 2010, Burton and Kathryn Sue went with JEMS on a creative arts missions trip to Japan. At the time, they were attending the Rock Church. After returning from their trip, and at the suggestion of Pastor Rick Chuman, they started to attend our church. That was in the Fall of 2010, and we have been blessed ever since they set foot in our church.

In 2011, after the earthquake and tsunami devastated the Tohoku Region of Japan, they went on an exploratory trip to see if they could serve in some way in that area. In 2012, they quit their jobs, and committed themselves to serve in the Tohoku Region with CRASH for a year. Burton served as a base camp leader in Senmaya, while leading art classes, and Kat taught Gospel hula to the women there. Their impact among the people in that area was amazing as we saw God at work through them.

In 2014, twins Mateo and Alyssa were born, and in 2015, the Sues began the process of going to Japan as career missionaries with TEAM. In 2016, Asher was born, and now in 2019, they are ready to leave for Japan on November 2 to serve there once again.

We have been truly blessed by Burton and Kat's presence in our church, as the current Gospel Hula Ministry originally began when Kat led the group in preparation of our Christmas Program in 2010. The Easter Picnic & Egg Hunt held on Palm Sundays was started in 2013 at Burton's suggestion. In our worship services, Burton introduced what is called the "Missions Moment" time on the fourth Sunday of the month, when we get to hear updates of the missionaries that our church supports.

As we pray for Burton and Kat, Mateo, Alyssa, and Asher, we trust that God will continue to show His love and joy through them to bring His blessings to the people they minister to in Japan.

May we like them remember that we are called to be workers sent out into God's harvest field!

Prayerfully in Christ, Pastor Ichibei

LET US PRAISE, PRAY, AND PARTICIPATE

"pray at all times in the Spirit, . . . , be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18)

- Let us pray for daily strength and God's continual care of: *Chris Barksdale, Richard Christian, Keiko Chuman, Bob Cottle, Yasuko Davis, Ed Dunn, Sharon Dunn, Reiko Furuyama, Matsuko Gray, Yo Honda, Junichi Inoue, Wendy Kaul, Oscar Kodama, Hiroo & Priscilla Kurano, Wendy Martino, Nadine Moorin, Meiko Nakano, Rei Seki, Larry & Irene Shimamoto, Michiko Shiromoto, Dorothy Sue, Kiyo Uda, Raymond Uyeda, Kimiyo Uyeji, Rev. Rod Yee, and Irene Yonemura.*

- **Shizu Fukiage** went home to be with the Lord on September 27. Please pray for God's comfort upon the family (daughters: *Faith, Hannah, Grace, Joyce, Amy*).

- Let us continue to pray for the churches and missionaries that our church financially supports: Japanese Christian Church of Tucson, South Bay Holiness Church, *Mike Fox (AIA), Nao & Barbara Hanada (JEMS), Pastor John Katagi (JEMS), Brent and Irina (People International), Richard & Keri Nakamura (SEND), Roy & Nancy Toma (JEMS), Kevin & Nozomi West (Mustard Seed Network), Reo Yoshida (Mustard Seed Network), and Burton & Kat Sue (TEAM Japan)*. Let us also remember in prayer the following missionaries in Japan: *David Newell (WYAM Tokyo), Rev. & Mrs. Hideyo Ando, The Jon Junker Family, and Alan & Yurika Sue (EveryNation)*. Please also pray for *Tomo Ito and Paul & Rie Mizuki*.

- Thank you to all who attended the **Gospel Hula Event** on Sunday, October 6! Thank you for your support of the church's Ke Aloha O Iesū Hula Ministry! The hula ministry has begun practices in preparation for this year's Christmas Program.

- Please circle Sunday, December 8, on your calendar, as that will be the date for this year's **Christmas Luncheon and Program**. On that day, we will begin with a Joint Worship Service at 10 am, followed by the luncheon and then the program starting at 1 pm. Please begin to prayerfully invite family and friends to this special event.

- We are taking part once again in Samaritan's Purse's **Operation Christmas Child**. With your help, we as a church would like to donate 100 boxes this year. You may pick up a shoebox from one of our team leaders. We will collect filled boxes until Sunday, November 24. If you are not able to prepare a shoebox, perhaps you could prayerfully consider donating \$9 per shoebox. This donation provides for: Collection, Processing, Shipping to Over 100 Countries, and Gospel Materials. Thank you for your prayerful participation.

- On Sunday, October 20, we are privileged to have **Greg Newell** give the message in our worship service.

- Sunday, October 27, will be the **Sue Family's** last Sunday with us before they leave for Japan. We will have a special luncheon for them on that day, so please bring your favorite dish to share. There will be a poster board in the Breezeway the next two Sundays, so please write words of encouragement on it to them.

- On Sunday, November 3, we will have our monthly **Curry Rice Luncheon**. Please invite your family and friends to a special day of worship and delicious food. Let's be an INVITING church!

- Our next **Community Luncheon** will be on Wednesday, November 6, at 12 pm. Thank you for your continued prayers for this outreach ministry.

- Our next **Men's Prayer Breakfast** and **Women's Prayer Fellowship** will be on Saturday, November 9, at 9:00 am. Please join us for a great time of food, prayer, fellowship, and exhortation.

- Next year, we will be celebrating our **90th anniversary as a church**. Since the inaugural service was on February 9, 1930, and being that February 9 is on a Sunday in 2020, we have decided to hold a special Joint Worship Service and Luncheon on that day. We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning for this special occasion. If you are interested and willing to help out, please contact *Sharon Kunugi*.