

Andrea's Adventures

April 2018



*Kyoto Tower - famous Kyoto landmark outside the main train station

Thank you to everyone who played a role in helping me get back to Japan yet another term. I fly out on May 4th and will spend a few days in Tokyo for a meeting on May 8th and then head down to my city of Kyoto on May 9th to begin house hunting. I am always excited to get home to Japan but there is something special about this fourth term as I'm getting ready to start a new chapter of ministry. I don't know how God is going to tackle all of the challenges and unknowns (at least to me) in the days ahead, but I am excited for my front row view to watch Him work. I feel privileged to be a small part in His work in Japan and I am so thankful for those of you who have joined me on this important endeavor.

Looking back over the past 10 months of partnership development, here are some quick stats:

- * Safety in driving over 30,000 miles
- * Visited exactly half of the 50 States
- * Personally shared about the work in Japan with 40 churches
- * Caught up with countless friends and supporters
- * Hosted a member of Kyoto Nishi Church for a week who helped me at Rapid City First's missions conference



With partnership development switching from the current 4 years on field/1 year back stateside to 2 years on field/3 months back stateside, it brings both some challenges and advantages. Some GP fields switched years ago, but this will be the first time for the Japanese field. Thanks for your patience as I figure out this new system. My next partnership development will be summer of 2020, when the summer Olympics are in Japan.

I will let you know my new information when I find a house but my permanent stateside address will be 1228 Range View Circle, Rapid City, SD 57701. And you can always reach me by phone (except when I'm asleep as I'll be 14 hours ahead again) at 763.447.4776. Also, back by popular demand, I have included my monthly prayer calendar. Thanks for your prayers!

Andrea's May 2018 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Extra Prayer - Pray for safety as I start driving again on the left side on narrow roads with many pedestrians.		1. My parents are coming into town before I leave. Pray for a good few days of making memories.	2. Pray for me as I finish all the last minute details, finish packing, and say my goodbyes.	3. Pray I can logistically be on a monthly work call on the 9th. I have missed the last few months due to traveling.	4. Today is "Return to Japan" Day! Pray for the flight, people I meet, immigration, commuting on arrival, etc.	5. As I have a big meeting in Tokyo on Tuesday, pray I will get over jet lag quickly.
6. Pray as I begin the transition back into Japanese culture after my time in the states.	7. Tomorrow is the biannual missionary/ church meeting. Pray as we meet and fellowship together.	8. After the meeting in Tokyo I head back to my city in Kyoto. Pray as I begin to search for a new house/ apartment.	9. Pray as I re-unite with the pastoral staff in Kyoto. Pray for the Revs. Ookanekus and Rev. Ootsuka.	10. There will be a lot of unknowns this week. Pray for flexibility and patience in the times of frustration.	11. Pray as I seek to communicate in Japanese after almost a year of speaking mainly in English.	12. Tomorrow will be my first Sunday back with Kyoto Nishi Church. Pray for a time of sweet reunion and fellowship.
13. So thankful for my financial supporters. Pray God continues to meet their financial needs.	14. Pray that once I find my new home, I will be able to establish a good relationship with my landlord and neighbors.	15. Once I have found a new home, I will have to file some gov't paperwork. Pray this all goes smoothly.	16. Getting internet access after moving can take a long time here. Pray for a quick turn-around time and patience.	17. Tomorrow will be my 1st time rejoining my local missionary fellowship. Pray as we reconnect.	18. Sunday will probably be the first English Bible Study since January. Pray as we restart this important ministry.	19. Keep the EBS students in your prayers as over half of them are not yet Christians, especially Joe and Bob.
20. Pray as I not only adapt to culture but also the changes that have happened while I have been away.	21. Today is the day I hoped to be all moved in. Pray for God's peace and direction if this has not yet happened.	22. Starting tomorrow I will have US guests until Friday. With a lot of unknowns, pray for a good time together.	23. I've been praying about whether to get a car, it will partly depend on my new home. Pray for wisdom in this area.	24. Pray for Tim Gallant & Ben Ward - Asia Leaders, Dennis Jackson - GP Director, Masaru Uchiyama - IGM President	25. For many reasons, I will still do some preaching at Kyoto Nishi Church. As a schedule is made, pray for when & how often.	26. Pray for the inevitable unexpected; for whatever I face, I would handle the situation with God's great love & grace w/His power.
27. Pray as these next few months, my co-worker and I will be doing some very difficult gov't paperwork.	28. My missionary friends are all outside my city. A personal prayer is to find one in my city.	29. Pray for the continuing situation with North Korea. Pray for our brothers and sisters living there.	30. Next month will be a slower month due to rainy season. Pray as I continue to get unpacked & adjusted.	31. I hope to be able to start back w/ Japanese lessons next month. Pray as I figure out the best route to take.		