

Addison & Abigail Zody: your partners in God's ministry in Japan

April Update: We finished one year of language school! We had a great experience at our school, but we will be switching to a new language school for our second year. Our first school, Kanrin, was a secular school with larger class sizes, geared towards getting students to pass the JLPT language test and then get into universities or jobs in Japan. It was very structured and rigorous and was great for our first year as we started wrapping our minds around the Japanese language. However, we are excited about switching to the new school, TAC, because it is for missionaries so we will get to learn more about Biblical terms, how to share our faith in Japanese, etc. It also has smaller class sizes and focuses on being confident in having conversations in Japanese!

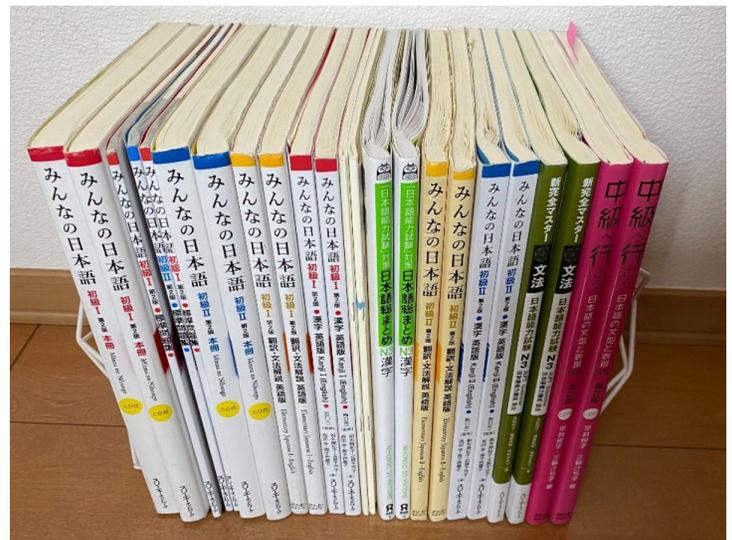
Praise: We are enjoying spring break, sakura blossoms, and temperatures in the 60s! We are getting some much needed rest, preparing for Easter, and excited for a new routine at TAC and in ministry in April! Addison has started playing soccer on Sunday evenings to meet new friends and we are trying to be intentional to continue relationships with our friends from language school. Thank you as always for your prayers and encouragement, we have so much to be grateful and excited for!

Prayer Requests:

For Addison's Bible study with En, the homeless ministry in Yoyogi Park, his soccer group, our relationships with classmates, and Abigail's ministries with kids.

For energy and understanding to learn Japanese well as we start at a new language school.

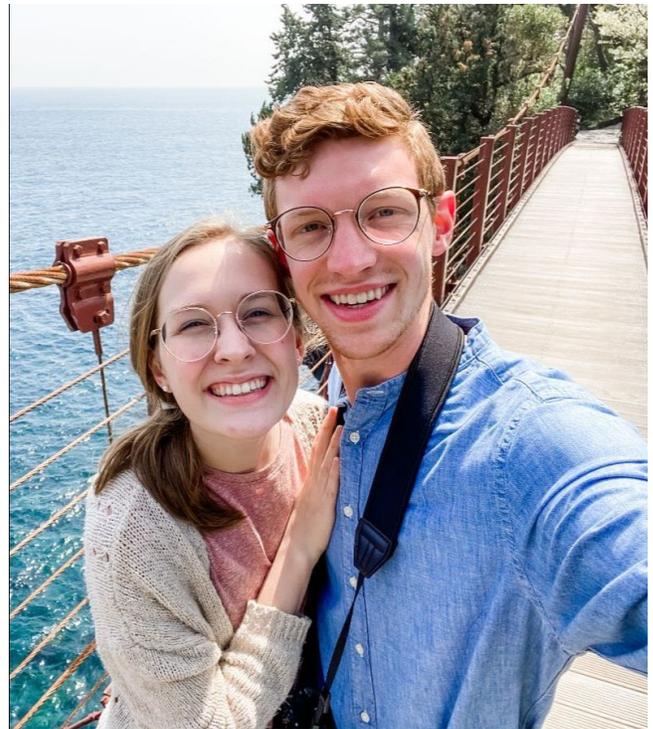
For Japan, that God would open the eyes of the Japanese people and the foreigners living here to the truth of His gospel.



We enjoyed our year at Kanrin Language School! It was kind of crazy to see all the textbooks together that we went through this year! Still have lots more to learn but grateful to see how far we've come!



We had some friends from language school over and made them enchiladas (their first time to try them!!). We also put together Easter baskets to hand out to our neighbors next weekend. We can take advantage of the American cultural side of giving gifts on Easter to share the real meaning behind the holiday. Please pray for our relationships with these people: that God would give us boldness, and use our hangouts and gifts to open their hearts to the message of the Gospel.



This huge sakura tree is right across the street from our house and fills up all of our living room windows. Such a sweet blessing! We enjoyed a refreshing trip to the beach about 3 hrs away with some other missionary families during our spring break!

March Update: By God's grace and strength alone we have made it through one year living here in Japan! It seems unreal that we haven't been back in the US, or seen our friends and family in person, for an entire year. Yet we also feel settled in here, and are enjoying seeing the familiar springtime coming back around. In our second year we are excited to be transitioning to around 75% language school and 25% other ministry with our time! See photos below of the other ministries we will be helping with!

Praise: As we have processed and talked about our first year, we are truly overwhelmed with how much God has blessed us with. We moved over here with only a few suitcases, and by God's provision we have been able to furnish our little home and it has been such a sweet place to rest each day. Our teammates here have helped us and encouraged us in countless ways. and have become dear friends to us already. We love our city, and have loved getting to explore Japan. We feel safe, cared for, and excited for the future. God has blessed us and encouraged us in so many ways beyond these: from blessing our hearts with a huge sakura tree right outside our window, to giving us strength to learn Japanese each day, to bringing amazing new partners to support us financially. Join us in praising God for all His goodness in these things!

Prayer Requests:

For Addison's Bible study with En, for the homeless ministry in Yoyogi Park, and for Abigail's ministries with kids.

For energy and understanding to learn Japanese well as we complete our 12th month of language school.

For Japan, that God would open the eyes of the Japanese people and the foreigners living here to the truth of His gospel.



As we start our second year of life in Japan, we have more capacity to join in on more ministry in a healthy way as we still focus mainly on language school.

-Abigail has started helping a fellow WV missionary with teaching English to Japanese kids twice a month, and helping with the kids group during their monthly church gatherings.

-Addison has started helping out on Saturday mornings with a homeless ministry in Yoyogi Park (a large park in downtown Tokyo).



One year in Japan! The day we got to 100% funded, the song "God is so good," was in my head all day. Now, one year into life in Japan, the lyrics still ring true! We are so excited for many more years in Japan to experience God's goodness and to share His goodness with the people in Japan!