

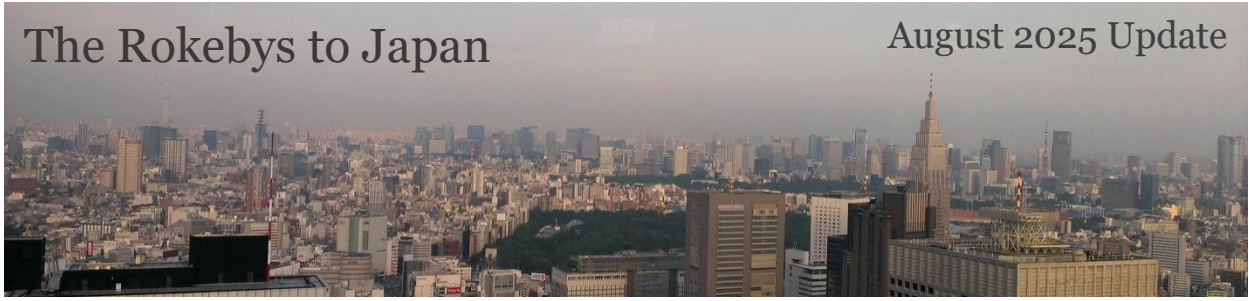
Dear Family and Friends,

We pray that this letter finds you enjoying the last weeks of summer. We are ready for some milder temperatures and a return to our usual schedules.

One of the biggest surprises to us and our colleagues has been the warm reception we have received in our neighborhood. Sometimes, people living in Tokyo can have a reputation for keeping to themselves; but, our block has welcomed us with open arms. Our neighbours across the street have been particularly hospitable. The wife is a lover of roses and has volunteered many times to help us with our garden projects. Once, she just so happened to have fertilizer for our strawberry plants even though we have never seen any strawberries in her yard!



The kids were excited to see moon craters for the first time



We have been wanting to do something for Mr. and Mrs. T to thank them for their kindness. Earlier this month, we invited them over for dessert and a tabletop game (Qwirkle). Before coming over, Mr. T set up his telescope and had the kids over in their pajamas to look at the moon. The kids have been learning about planets, so they had a lot of fun. Over dessert, we chatted with Mr. and Mrs. T as best we could. Recently, their son moved to England for work, so Mrs. T seems a bit down about that. We are continuing to pray that the Spirit would work in them and that they would be open to attending church with us.

Lord willing, this month should bring some clarity on our post-language school ministry placement. We will sit down with the leadership team at Mizonokuchi Chapel to discuss their needs and see if there is an alignment with our values and gifting. We have known many of the people at Mizonokuchi Chapel for ten years now, so we are confident that we will be able to have open and honest discussions. In Japan, relationships take time to form, so we are thankful that God brought us here as mid-term missionaries in 2015. We are praying that God would give us wisdom and that He would be glorified in the outcome.

In Christ,

Andrew, Tanja, John, Anna, and Peter

Prayers and Praises

1. We are continuing to consider a ministry partnership with Mizonokuchi Chapel. At the end of August, we attended the church's annual retreat to hear more about their vision for reaching their neighbourhood. This month, we will sit down for a meeting with them to directly discuss what a ministry partnership could look like. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we consider partnering with Mizonokuchi Chapel.
2. Summer break is over so Anna will soon return to kindergarten and John will resume homeschooling. Please pray for us as we adjust back to our normal schedules. Furthermore, please pray that we would continue to have opportunities to connect with parents at the kindergarten.
3. Starting this month, Andrew will be studying at a new language school. The new school has a greater focus on language production (speaking and writing) versus reading comprehension. Please pray for us as we continue to study Japanese so that we can clearly and accurately proclaim the Gospel.