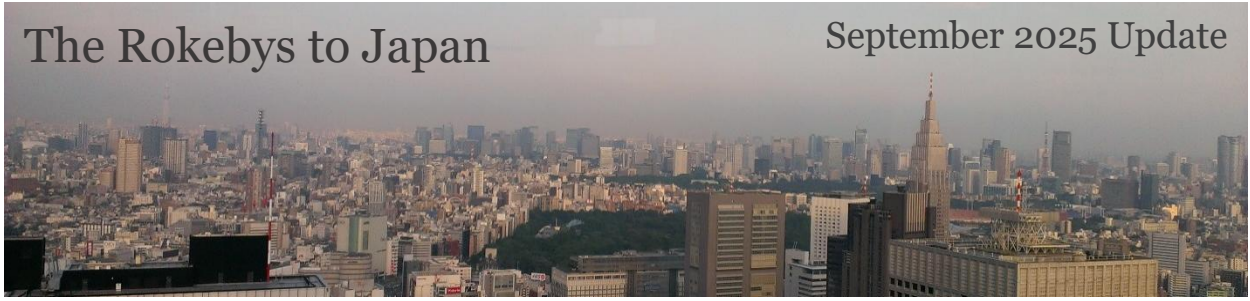




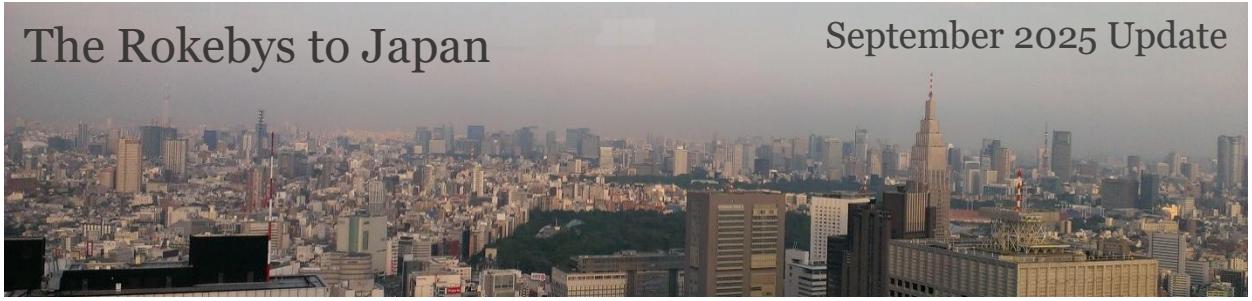
Dear Family and Friends,

We pray that this letter finds you enjoying the sights and smells of fall. Here, the summer song of the cicadas has been replaced by the chirp of crickets. The other evening, we opened the windows to let in some cool evening air, and the room was filled with the sound of crickets in the fruit orchard next door.

This month has been filled with a return to routines and some new beginnings. Anna returned to kindergarten and John is back homeschooling full-time. Andrew started at a new language school and is thinking about how he can immerse himself more in Japanese to improve his speaking and comprehension skills. Tanja has also started meeting with Andrew's conversation tutor to train more for conversations with the "rose lady" (Mrs. T) and moms at Anna's kindergarten. Our friends and colleagues the Flemings have also started a new phase as they returned to Canada to see how God might use them going forward. They have been a part of our lives throughout our decade long journey from newlyweds visiting Japan, to mid-term missionaries, deputation, and finally arriving here as long-term missionaries. We are definitely going to miss them!



We had a lovely meal and send-off with the Flemings (centre)



October is looking like an important month for the next few years of our ministry. Together with our field team leader, we will be drafting a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to present to the leadership of Mizonokuchi Chapel in a meeting November 2nd. The MOU will provide an outline of what our relationship with Mizonokuchi Chapel would look like should we agree to join in partnership. The leadership of the church will also be thinking through their hopes and expectations of how we might work together. It is exciting for us to think about moving forward to the next phase of our ministry here.

In Christ,

Andrew, Tanja, John, Anna, and Peter

Prayers and Praises

1. This month, we will work with our field team leader to draft a memorandum of understanding to present to Mizonokuchi Chapel leadership. Please pray for us as we think about and put to words a framework for a partnership with Mizonokuchi Chapel.
2. Our friends and colleagues, the Flemings, have returned to Canada and are starting a new season of ministry. Please pray that God would help them adjust to Canada and guide them about future service.
3. Andrew recently had coffee with Mr. S, a member of our current church. Previously, we wrote that Mr. S is discouraged by his work situation and spiritual health. Please pray that God would encourage him in his circumstances and guide him as he seeks God's Will for future ministry plans.