

Dear Family and Friends,

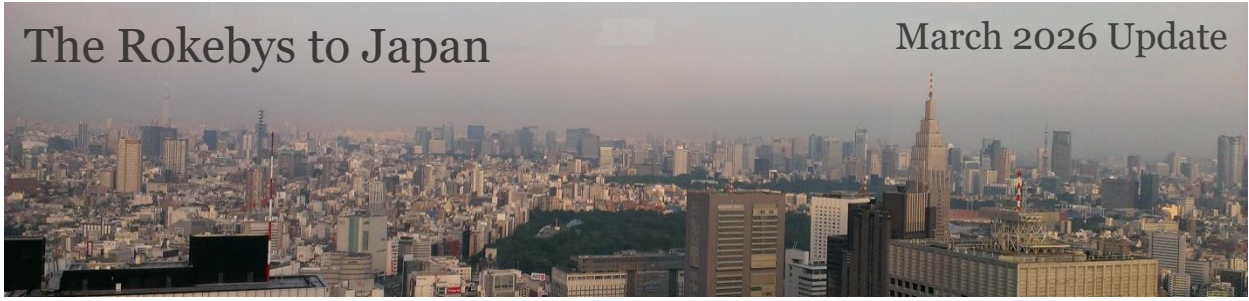
We pray that this letter finds you enjoying the sights and sounds of spring. Here, the cherry trees are in full bloom and young people are out enjoying themselves before the start of the new school year in April. In Japan, spring is the time of new beginnings.

We too are working towards a new season at Yokohama International Baptist Church and home assignment in Canada. Wednesday of last week, a number of kindergarten moms threw a goodbye party for John and Anna. Even moms from John's class, which graduated last March, attended and shared warm words with Tanja. Towards the end of the gathering, one mom presented Tanja with book made up of drawings and notes from moms and children expressing gratitude and well wishes. Please keep these families in your prayers.

It is hard to say so many goodbyes to neighbours and kindergarten families as we prepare to move to Yokohama April 1. We are sad to move from here where many people have been so kind to us at a time when we were vulnerable. Likewise, many of them entrusted us with their lives' concerns. Nevertheless, we are comforted by and confident in God's sovereign and perfect will. We know that the promises of Romans 8:29-30 are true and guaranteed by the atoning work of Christ.



We could feel the kindness of the moms who planned a going away party for us



Fall might be typhoon season, but April is looking to be a whirlwind. The moving company will be packing all of our possessions into trucks on April 1 and moving them into our new house in Yokohama the morning of April 2. Moving in Japan comes with a lot of paperwork related to utilities, government offices, and our vehicle registration. All of these tasks add up to a week or so spent filling out paperwork and visiting offices. April 18-20 will find us connecting with our colleagues at our annual field team retreat and then off to Canada on April 23. We are tired just thinking of it all, but we are looking forward to fellowship with you.

In Christ,

Andrew, Tanja, John, Anna, and Peter

Prayers and Praises

1. The coming weeks are going to be physically and emotionally taxing. Please pray that God will give us an extra measure of sustaining power so that we can shepherd our children well through this period of transition and that the Spirit will comfort them as they work through big feelings.
2. Over the past two years we have formed some meaningful relationships with people who have shared burdens with us. Please pray for these people that the gospel seeds that we have planted will grow, that they will be reconciled to God, and that He will bring healing in their lives.
3. God has answered our prayers for a home in Yokohama before we leave for home assignment. Praise Him for His abundant provision and please ask that the Holy Spirit will be working in our new neighbourhood while we are visiting you.