



# ALEX & KATHRYN HUMPHREYS

Missionaries to Japan

## 2014 MINISTERS RETREAT

Being in Japan for four years means that we miss out on a lot of what is happening in our Potomac Ministry Network. But this summer we were blessed to be able to attend the 2014 SPEAK ministers retreat.



At the conference we were challenged by two great speakers, Herbert Cooper and Bryan Jarrett. They shared very personal stories of how God fulfilled the dreams and visions which He had given to them, even when that vision seemed impossible.

Sometimes, reaching the Japanese feels like an impossible dream, but hearing their testimonies reminds us that everything is in God's hand. We know that Christ WILL build His church in the dark nation of Japan and that many Japanese will come to the saving knowledge of Christ.

As the adults were being encouraged, our girls participated in the pre-school childcare. They made many new friends. A group of young people from a church in New Jersey played games with them and taught them Bible stories. One of the workers even said that he felt a call to reach the Japanese!

## MERRY CHRISTMAS...

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas. Christmas is always a wonderful season but even more so when we are in the US. We really enjoy being with our families. Remember, Jesus was the FIRST MISSIONARY and came to us as a babe that day so long ago.

## ...AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

For the Japanese, New Year is the most important holiday of every year. It is a time of new starts and hope for the future. Sadly, few Japanese know the true Hope that is in Christ. Please pray that many Japanese will be saved in 2015!

# SPEND YOURSELF

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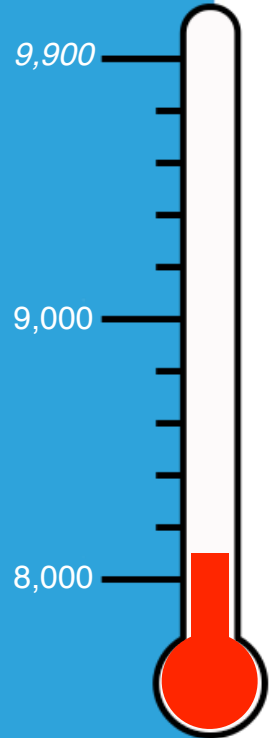
## CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS

- Christmas outreaches in Japan to be fruitful.
- For Pastors, Kazuo and Johanna, as they care for two churches in our absence.
- For the Lowrance family, new missionaries to Japan, to settle in well.
- That we can raise our budget quickly.

## THE CULTURE OF DEATH CONTINUES

One of the saddest things about ministering in Japan is the pervasive culture of death. Suicide, murder, gruesome video games and cartoons are evidence of it. Just a few months ago there was a tragic tale of a 24 year old mother who threw her 3 year old daughter into a river. Why she did it I do not know but killing her daughter seemed the only viable path for this mother. This problem occurs periodically in Japan and so I am asking you to please pray that Christ centered orphanages would be opened in Japan. Specifically pray that the government would support and not hinder the establishment of such places.

We are striving for **100%**. For this term we need to raise \$9,900 a month.



## 16 STATES IN 6 MONTHS

Since arriving in the US at the beginning of June, our family has been in 16 different states plus the District of Columbia. Our girls are so blessed! Many Americans do not travel that much in their entire life let alone in six months.

Through it all the girls have been great. They are enjoying staying in hotels and traveling in the car. They have seen both sets of grandparents, two great-grandmothers, aunts and uncles on both sides of the family and a slew of cousins.

We thank the Lord for His grace and protection thus far.



The girls do great in the car...and catch up on their sleep too!

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## ERANGA'S NEW BIBLE

Just a few months before leaving Japan and heading back to the states we had a young Sri Lankan man named Eranga come to our church. He is a young believer and is learning Japanese at a language school in Tokyo. He is starting to feel that God is calling him to minister to the Japanese people. Just recently he excitedly contacted me to share that he had purchased his first Japanese Bible! He is excited to learn the Word of God in Japanese so that his Japanese friends can hear the gospel. Please pray for Eranga.



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**ISAIAH 58:10**



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