



# ALEX & KATHRYN HUMPHREYS

Missionaries to Japan

## A LIFE BOLDLY LIVED

On January 4th, 2015 Miwako Kimijima went to be with Jesus. Miwako was one of the first believers that we met when we started attending Tokyo City Church back in 2006. She could speak some English so even before we could speak Japanese she was a great encouragement. She taught us important "church" words in Japanese. She also filled us in on many important cultural nuances.

Miwako came from a traditional Japanese family and was radically saved by the Lord. After coming to Christ she committed herself to full-time ministry for a number of years and then eventually married a wonderful Christian man. They were blessed with two children, a boy and a girl. She continued spending herself for the gospel in our church through various forms of ministry.

She was a gifted lyricists and poet who would spend much of her days, especially near the end of her life, praising God through verse and song. She lived her life boldly before all that she knew, even when that meant that she would be spurned or disregarded. At this moment I am unaware if any of her extended family ever came to Christ. I am sure that she (cont'd)

# 美和子

This is Miwako's name in Japanese. It means "beautiful child of peace" and was a perfect expression of her personality.

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



If you haven't heard, we have a public Facebook page for our missionary ministry. Please like us and keep up with all that is going on. We will keep everyone informed about our itineration schedule and activities. **Just search "Alex Kathryn Japan" to find us.**

## #DROPTHIRTY

If you like us on Facebook you will often see #dropthirty. This is the way that we post prayer requests. It stands for "Drop to your knees and give me thirty seconds of prayer". Please keep an eye out for these posts and then PRAY!

# SPEND YOURSELF

# UNREACHED, FORGOTTEN...NO LONGER.

## CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS

- That we can raise our budget by the end of May.
- Pray that God leads us to the right house to rent in Japan.
- For peace and strength in the Kimijima family after the passing of Miwako.
- That more and more young Japanese will be called to give their life in ministry.



Alex and the girls were able to go to our home church's Sweetheart Dinner!

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(cont'd) faced some degree of loneliness from being disconnected from her family. But this never diminished her love for the Lord.

I think that greatest thing that I learned from Miwako is that God really CAN change hearts in Japan. Sometimes the hardness to the gospel that we face in Japan can lead us to be a little hopeless about the future of ministry. But lives like Miwako clearly show us that God is working and will continue to seek and to save the lost in Japan! Please pray that Miwako's life, which she boldly lived for Christ, will be an impression on many others.

## SETTING OUR SIGHTS ON JAPAN

Our goal is to leave America and arrive back in Japan no later than May 27th. The only thing holding us back at the moment is our budget. Please pray that we can get everything raised and return to Japan on time.

We will be packing up our things and shipping them to Japan in the next month. Once arriving in Japan we will start the urgent search for a new residence. Please pray that the Lord opens up the right place. Our girls will also need to get reacclimated to their Japanese preschool.

We are thrilled to return and share Christ with as many people as possible.

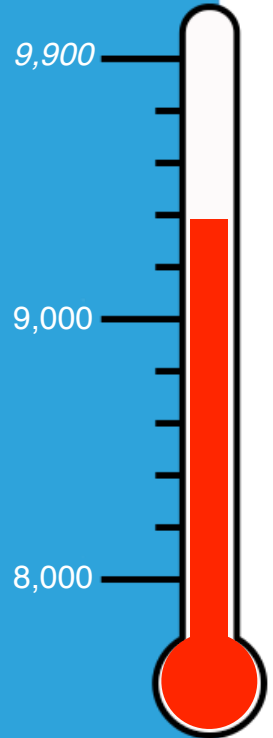
## APATHY IN JAPANESE YOUTH

In a recent article from a Japanese newspaper the apathetic and fatalistic nature of Japanese youth was exposed. It said that many young people see no reason to work hard or try and excel in life. In their young lives they have not seen hard work meet with the expected rewards of money, status, job placement, etc. Yet oddly enough they do not consider themselves unhappy or dissatisfied. One researcher pointed out that dissatisfaction arises from a gap in expectation and fulfillment. These young Japanese seem to have no expectations and so they do not mind the lack of fulfillment. Please pray that many young Japanese can come to know Christ and the abundant life that comes through Him. They need to find their satisfaction fulfillment in Christ alone!

**"AND IF YOU SPEND YOURSELVES IN BEHALF OF THE HUNGRY AND SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE OPPRESSED, THEN YOUR LIGHT WILL RISE IN THE DARKNESS, AND YOUR NIGHT WILL BECOME LIKE THE NOONDAY."**

**ISAIAH 58:10**

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



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