

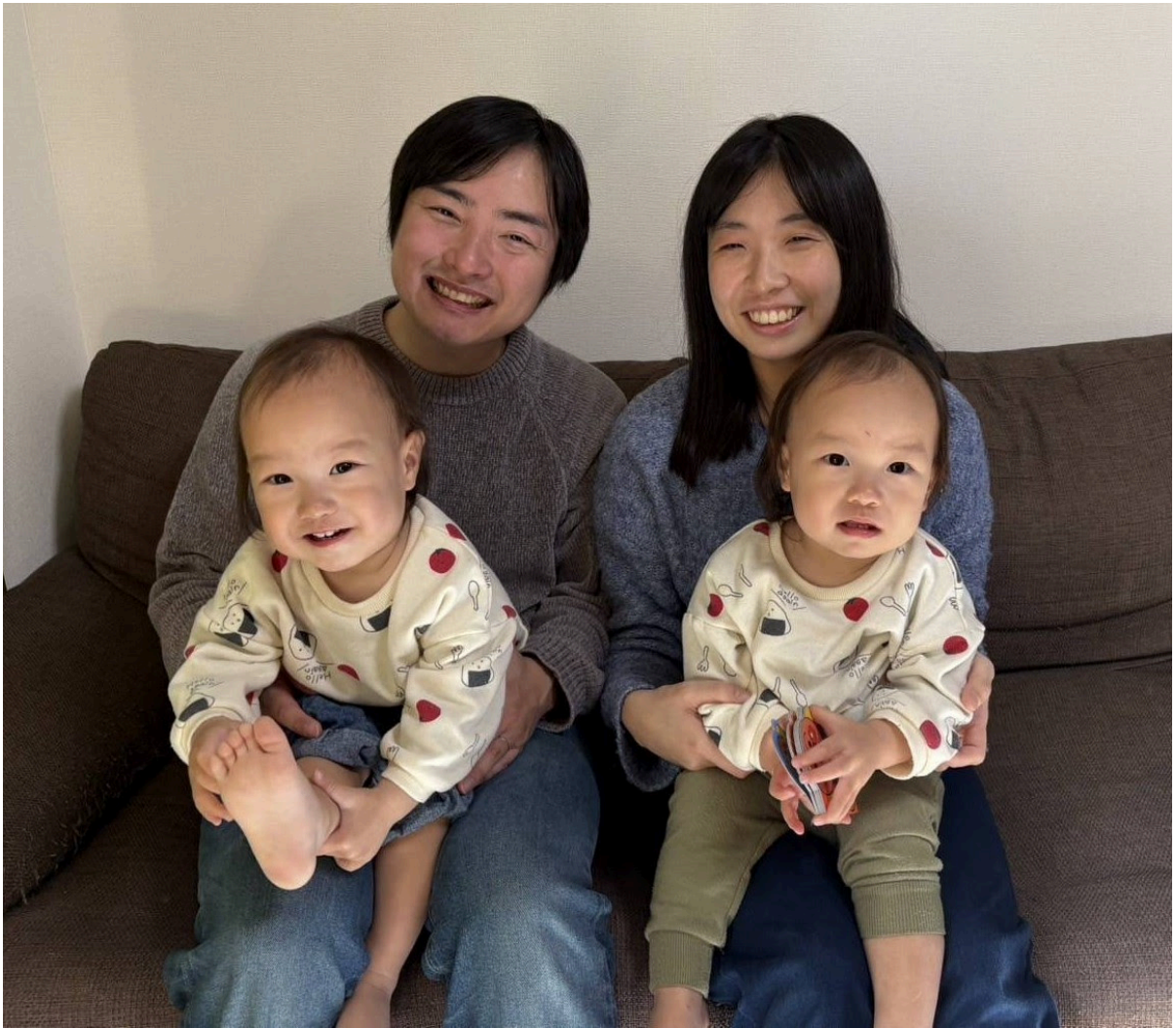


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Serving with Mission to the World in Japan

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Nagoya Church Planting Team

Welcome to our New National Partners!

We are thrilled to announce new team members joining us in Nagoya – Atsushi and Izumi Kabeya and their twin sons! Izumi was saved in the university student ministry of Nisshin Christ Church (NCC) some years ago when she was a student at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (NUFS), and she was discipled by our teammates, Kaji and Ayumi. She worked for a time in the office at Christ Bible Institute in Nagoya, where she met Atsushi, a seminary student whose family had come to faith when he was younger in an MTW church-plant in Chiba. After they were married and he graduated from seminary, the Kabeyas moved to Tokyo to work at Grace Harbor Church for several years, and their twin boys were born while there. We also welcome Alex and Heather May Jordan, along with their children, who will arrive in Japan on April 8, 2025! Alex will be teaching at Nagoya Christian School. We look forward to partnering with them in this important ministry. We know their skills will be a great asset to our team and help us reach more people with the Gospel.

Praise God for calling the Jordans to Japan and the Kabeyas to working with our team.

Pray for clarity of vision and wisdom as we lay the groundwork for our next church plant!



Nagoya Christian School

Nagoya Christian School will finish our second year on June 13th! We will have four new students for the 2025-2026 school year. We are expecting the Jordan family to arrive this month. Alex (math teacher) will teach full-time at NCS, and three Jordan children will attend our school. Kristi Craven is raising support to join us as an 11-month intern for the coming school year, and Emma Phillips (science teacher) has been approved to join us as a two-year short-term missionary to begin the 2026-2027 school year. We need a full-time Language Arts teacher for middle/high school, as well as another elementary teacher, so if you know of someone who may like to teach missionary kids in Japan, please send them our way!

Please pray for the needed teachers for NCS, as well as for the school to meet the needs of missionary families in Nagoya.



Nisshin Christ Church

Nisshin Christ Church is located across the street from our home, where we can see the cars and people coming and going throughout the week. We have been greatly encouraged to see God at work in this growing church situated in a suburb of Nagoya, Japan. The founding missionaries, Wayne and Amy Newsome, are now based in the U.S., and the pastoral intern is

completing his ordination in the Presbyterian Church in Japan. Kaji Uechi will be ordained in October of this year and will be called as the pastor of this church. Another seminary student recently graduated and will begin the ordination process while working with Life Hope Network, a crisis pregnancy ministry. As of April, a third seminary graduate has joined our team to assist with a future church plant. This church has also witnessed a baptism in each of the first four months of 2025. For a church in Japan, this is amazing! Traditionally, people are slow to come to faith in Japan, and the church is eager to train young men as pastors so that the current pastors can eventually retire. Many pastors serve well into their 70s with no prospect for a younger person to take over.

Give praise and thanks to God as He is building and strengthening His church in Japan.

Pray with us for these new believers and another young lady beginning a baptism preparation class soon!



Summer Plans!

We are currently making plans for a 6-week support-raising trip to the U.S. this summer, starting around June 20th. We hope to visit three churches that do not currently support our ministry, with the goal of gaining their support. Our support level has declined over the past year, partly due to

an aging support base. We will be in Knoxville, Panama City / the Florida Panhandle, and Orlando. We are coordinating our church visits during the summer break from Nagoya Christian School since we are in the early stages of the school's development and still need to teach full-time. If we don't see you this summer, we hope to see you as soon!

Thank you all for your invaluable support at the end of the year. Your contributions were instrumental in helping us achieve our fundraising goals for 2024 and providing the financial stability necessary to make our summer fundraising travels possible. Your dedication and generosity have made a significant difference, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

*We are looking for a car to use while we are in the States. If you know of a reliable car we can borrow or a reasonably priced rental place, we would appreciate any help you can offer. **Please pray for our support-raising efforts this summer, for a car to drive, and for meaningful connections with people during this time!***



Family Update

Both of our children spent Christmas in Japan with us; afterward, William returned to Covenant College, while Isabel stayed in Japan with us until early February. Lisa traveled back to the U.S. with her to address some health concerns. Isabel is much better now but had to take a leave of absence from Belmont University for the semester. She plans to return to school this August, hoping to still graduate on time in May 2027. Lisa and Isabel stayed with Lisa's parents in Knoxville, where they celebrated her parents' 59th wedding anniversary in February. William is on track to graduate from Covenant in May 2026. His passion lies in leading worship, and he will participate in the Ezra Worship Initiative this summer. The Ezra Worship Initiative is a paid summer internship for college-aged students interested in bi-vocational or full-time music and worship leadership. The mission of Ezra is to develop musically gifted individuals into leaders who can partner with the pastor to shepherd the church in enriching congregational worship.

Praise God with us for bringing Isabel through a challenging time and for the provision of this internship for William this summer! Pray for God to continue guiding them to the places He wants them to be. Additionally, pray for Lisa's parents, who are facing growing health concerns as they make decisions about their future assisted living arrangements.