

## **December Update**

Happy New Year! 2024 has been a year packed full with life changing moments for our family. At the beginning of the year, We had started preparing ourselves for the transition into deputation with leaving jobs, selling most of what we owned, and planning our trip to Japan. May came quickly and so did our 5 week survey trip. Being able to be in Japan for the first time was a completely different life changing experience. Being able to see the place that God had planned for us to minister in affected our lives in more ways we could imagine. It gave us the motivation to buckle down and hit the deputation road running. Our first 6 months of deputation felt long at times, but it's hard to believe that we have already been doing it for as long as we have been. Even looking at this past month we have continued to see God's consistent hand of provision with health, support, and continual guidance. Heading into this new year, we still plan to follow the Lord's leading in sending us to Japan in August, according to His timing. We will soon begin the process of sending in paperwork for our Certificate of Eligibility, which will be the first step to getting our visa. Please be in prayer for that process, as well as be in prayer for Alyssa and the baby. Everything is currently well for the baby to be born in May. December was full of spending time with family, while having a near full schedule of meetings, and the Lord definitely has shown Himself good through it all. We are looking ahead to a busy schedule over the next couple months, and are praying that the Lord continues to keep our calendar full. We are excited to see how He will use us this year. Pray for us as we strive to bring the light of the Gospel, not just when we go to Japan, but as we travel across the United States.

## **Prayer Requests**

- Continued safety for travel
- More supporting churches
- Language Study
- A healthy and safe pregnancy for Alyssa and the Baby
- Visa Paperwork



God Bless, The Saltzmans