



# A Minute with the Masons



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Dear Praying Friends,

In the midst of a slow roll-out of the COVID vaccine in Japan, Olympic athletes from around the world are now beginning to arrive for the Summer Games. This has caused worry and fear around the nation as people wait to see how this summer will unfold. In the midst of this uncertainty, we are trying to bring a message of peace and hope.



## OASIS CHURCH

In May, someone from the church read on an internet chat-site that there were people in our city who were suffering great financial and emotional distress due to the prolonged pandemic. As a church, we decided that we wanted to do something to help, so in July we began a simple food support program. Each Sunday afternoon, people can come to the church and pick up a small box/bag of basic food supplies. Our goal is not only to demonstrate the love of God by providing food assistance to those in need, but also to connect with people who have felt isolated and alone during the last 16 months of COVID. We are currently in the process of



*Food Support Program sign in front of church*

trying to get the word out into the community, which will include hand delivering 5000 flyers (we have already passed out about 800). **PLEASE PRAY** for this new ministry. May God divinely connect us with people in our city who need this assistance so that we might be a wonderful blessing to them. May the Lord also open doors of opportunity to build friendships with those who are longing for deeper connections with others.

## COACH CHRIS

In our last newsletter we mentioned that Chris was planning to enroll in a life coach training course in order to add life coaching to her member care tool bag. Since then, we are happy to report that Chris has finished her 60 hours of classroom instruction, and is now working on completing the 100 hours of practical training with clients that is required for certification. She currently has 7 on-line clients from the Christian/missionary community in Japan and is really enjoying the opportunity to minister in this new capacity. Thank you to everyone who sent in financial support to help cover the cost of tuition. **PLEASE PRAY** for a growing expertise as Chris tries to put into practice the things that she has been learning. May the Lord give her wisdom and insight as she meets with each of her clients (two sessions a month).



*Chris at her coaching station*

### MISSIONARY RETREAT

On August 2-4, we will have a JEMS missionary retreat for those missionaries serving in Western Japan. This will be a time of teaching, fellowship and encouragement, something we all need after this crazy season of COVID shutdown. **PLEASE PRAY** for the wonderful presence of His Spirit as we gather together. May the missionaries leave the retreat feeling refreshed and renewed to continue serving the people of Japan.

### PERSONAL NEWS

In late June, we were both able to get our first COVID vaccine. Our second jab will be at the end of July. We thank the Lord for the new freedom this will give us to once again interact with people in person.

Luke is staying in Santa Barbara this summer and working an on-campus job for Event Services. This is his first full-time job and he seems to be enjoying the experience (not to mention the big paychecks!). He is also planning to get his driver's license this summer, so we think you know what mom and dad would appreciate prayers for!

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[www.masonsintjapan.com](http://www.masonsintjapan.com)

The "Donate Now" button at the bottom  
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**Thank you!**

Well, that's about all the news for now. Thanks again for all of your prayers and support on our behalf.

Blessings in Jesus,

*Michael & Chris*

Michael & Chris Mason





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