



the Reutters

2017 NEWSLETTER

This year on April 26, we marked 3 years in Japan! While I wish we were already fluent in Japanese, we are getting there and settling in more and more. Becca and Anna began the 2nd grade in April and for the first time they are in separate classes. They are learning math, science and arts in Japanese and come home and learn English and piano. This coming year Sarah will start Japanese Kindergarten. All these girls are very creative and love looking after their cute little brother, Joshua.



At the end of January 2018, Joshua will turn 2 and he is already learning his letters and numbers. He knows "S" and "O" very well, so if he ever needs to send out an SOS, he's covered. Ruth has written some wonderful songs for our kids and we started to record them and make videos of them this year, making it a part of the kids ministries that she leads. We have 2 original videos so far with over 5,000 views! If you haven't seen them yet, they are on YouTube — just search for "Praise the Lord" Paz Kids and get ready to sing!

On May 12 of this year my father Ken turned 70 years old. To do something unique, we Ken Reutter kids planned a special surprise: we all showed up for a birthday weekend unannounced! He was so shocked, I'm glad he didn't have a heart-attack! There is a video of the surprise on our website at www.reutterfamily.com



Earlier this year we grew our cell group to the point that we multiplied it with fantastic Japanese leaders Yuji & Tamiko. Then two Japanese people from our group were baptized! It was so special — the average church in Japan has one baptism a year, and we had 2 in our cell group alone (pictured below). This next year we are praying for more fruit: to raise up more Japanese leaders and baptize many more new Christians. To that end we are constantly having people over, whether for cell groups, baking cookies, or celebrating birthdays. It's all a good reason!





Japan's biggest need is for Jesus. and yet so few know Him. Each day in Japan 70 people take their own lives due to the hopelessness of life without Jesus. As we prayed about how we can reach those at risk in Japan, God gave us a ministry for our church — a project we're calling "Choose Life." Beginning in January we will train volunteers to receive calls on a suicide hotline where we can immediately share with them the hope of Christ and connect them to the local church at special coffee shops throughout the city. These locations would operate as coffee shops throughout the week then, on Sundays, serve as the meeting location for each local PAZ church. We are already searching for our first location in downtown Tokyo that will be our prototype.



To spread this vision, we are working together with Peter Craig and Moving Works. Peter produced our powerful testimony video years ago and now came for 2 weeks to film a number of new stories and testimonies of Japanese people finding hope and joy in Jesus. These videos will be used in conjunction with Choose Life.



On July 23 we recorded our first live Japanese/English worship CD with Diflen Music called "Live in Tokyo." Five months later, the production is now complete and it will launch soon in 2018. We have seen first hand the power of music to awaken the Japanese to the truth of the Gospel and introduce them to the presence of God. These ministries together form a formidable advance of the Kingdom of God in Japan.



Ruth's parents and siblings (the ones not already living here) are all coming to Japan over Christmas, including her grandfather, Joseph Hrubik who is 96 years old! They will be staying with us and our kids can hardly wait! Ruth has also been planning our church's Christmas program for Dec 24, featuring a kids choir, a Christmas drama and a Gospel choir! Please pray with us for a powerful revelation of Christ!



DONATIONS can be made through Project Amazon Please indicate gifts for Nate & Ruth Reutter and note the new address in Florida.

In August, we will come back to Illinois for a very quick furlough. We thank you so much for all the love and support that you express in so many different ways. You are God's means of grace, that we may reach his lost sheep in Japan. Please pray for God's continued blessing in reaching the unreached. God bless you! www.ReutterFamily.com

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