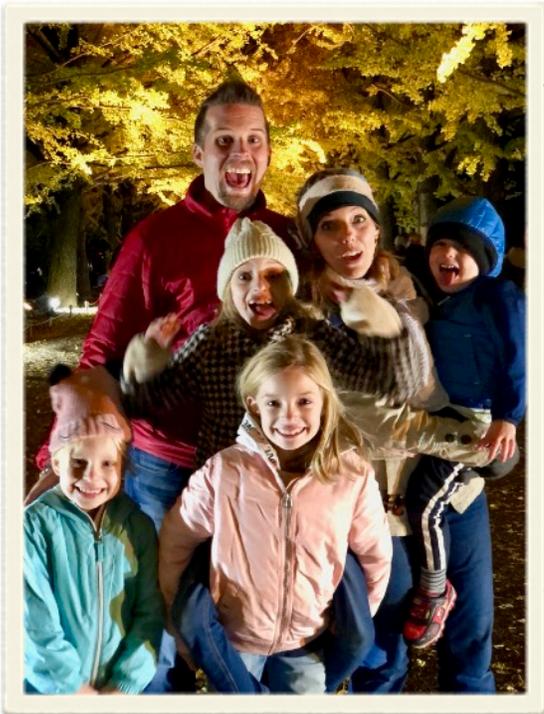


The Reutter's 2019 Newsletter



We're full of awe — Oh how God has opened doors in 2019, held back floods, rescued our kids, blessed our ways and then broadcast it for all of Japan. Here is the story of 2019 in a few short pages.

REBECCA & ANNA (10)

In April, when the Japanese school year began, Rebecca and Anna entered into the 4th grade. Becca and Anna have an intense schedule. Not only are they in Japanese elementary school, but they also have additional schooling (to

help them with all that schoolwork in Japanese), piano lessons, and still need time just to be kids! They are very artistic and continually amaze us with their amazing drawings and Japanese writing. They live a very diverse life growing up!



SARAH (6) & JOSHUA (3 almost 4)

Sarah and Joshua are a dynamic duo, keeping us laughing and melting our hearts with their cuteness. Sarah entered into her last year of Kindergarten and is a little social butterfly. She loves to give gifts and has taken to artistic expression just like Becca and Anna, drawing pictures and cards and learning the piano. Joshua is enjoying his last year at home before Kindergarten in April. He has become an expert at Nintendo games and is our little comedian around the house. He's used to entertaining himself while dad and mom work.



PATH TO PASTORS

At the beginning of the year, we were leading and overseeing 4 different small groups and discipling key leaders in our Paz Church. I also lead the worship ministries and Ruth is responsible for the children's ministries and functions as the treasurer of the church.



She's also developed a whole menu of incredible baked goods for sale at Paz Coffee Shop. On May 19 we had the huge honor of being ordained as pastors at Paz Church in Japan. Paz Church leadership from overseas were visiting and conducted the ordination. To top it off, Becca and Anna sang and played Amazing Grace, their first time leading a song in church. The weight and glory of that ordination I will never forget. It would propel us into the most intense summer of our lives.



THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH

On Tuesday the 28th of May a man, one block away from our girls as they were walking to school, attacked a group of elementary school girls, slashing them with knives. In the horror, a bus driver ran after the attacker and the attacker slashed himself and died soon after. Doctors and nurses from a nearby family clinic were getting to work and ran out to the scene to help these precious children bleeding out on the sidewalk. One 6th grade girl and a 38-year old father died there on the street. The event shocked Japan, who prides itself in being a safe country. We and our community were shell-shocked.

The days and weeks afterwards were filled with tearful prayers of anguish for Noborito and Japan. We were thankful that God protected our children but cried out for a breakthrough of God's love and grace. Noborito was now infamous throughout Japan. But a strong conviction grew: that Noborito would become famous for life and not death, for God and His glory and not the devil's handiwork. Even terrible things God can turn to good.

A SUMMER OF LIFE — LIFE IN JAPAN

Rewind to April of 2018. After a time of prayer and fasting, I sensed God moving me to start a YouTube channel about our family life in Japan. So I launched LIFE IN JAPAN and began producing videos. In April of this year the channel started to get some traction here inside Japan (mind you all the videos are all done in English). We put out a video about visiting Tokyo SkyTree and a broader audience began discovering our channel. Then came our episode





Summer Break Begins. People were watching. The videos were exploding like never before. Thousands of views turned to tens of thousands. Tens of thousands became a hundred thousand.

When Summer Break ended, I produced a video about the kids going back to school and for the first time shared about my relationship with God. It was our biggest success to date. At the time of writing this, it has topped 400,000 views. Through the channel I have exposed Japan to Christian living and invited them to take a part, and it's amazing to see people's responses. It, just like Paz Coffee Shop, is opening the door for ministry like never before. In fact the PBS/BBC of Japan, NHK, recently aired several clips from our channel over national television with an audience of over 6 million people! We are awed by what God is doing.

GOD HOLDS BACK THE FLOOD

It seems as if Noborito is ground zero for the clash between heaven and hell here in Japan, for in early October, one of the worst typhoons (a hurricane in the Pacific Ocean) in Japan's history directly hit us. The night before, we had a four-hour prayer meeting for God's protection over us and our community. Nearly two-thirds of Japan was inundated with several feet of rain in a matter of two days. The river we live on rose to never-before-seen levels and overflowed its banks. We watched as the river came all the way up to the last line of defense before spilling over into Noborito: a levy running along the opposite side of our road. As the typhoon made landfall, a powerful earthquake shook Japan. At that moment it felt like the apocalypse had come. The river was but a foot away from spilling over the levy. Reports of major flooding starting coming in. But the raging river never overflowed near us. Over the next couple of days we would come to find out that the river overflowed above us, below us and across from us. Everywhere but at Noborito, where our Paz Church members live! God protects those who call out to Him!

WE'RE STILL HERE AND GOD'S STILL AT WORK

The devil's project this year has been to try to scare us away from here. But by God's grace, we're still here and God's at work in bigger ways than ever before. Recently a college student named Kota saw our videos, he knew he wanted a family like that and thought "Maybe if I can go to their church, I can have a family like that." So he came. I had the privilege of not only praying with



LIFE IN JAPAN STATS

1.9 Million Views

100,000 Hours Watched

17,600 Subscribers

112 Countries Reached

78.5% Japan Viewership





Him to make Jesus the Lord of his life, but baptizing him just 3 weeks later! God is working in such amazing ways. And now we move into the biggest push of the year: Christmas — the story of God's unconditional love in Jesus. Even Jesus' name means "God Saves!" We are living witnesses that God saves, and His eyes are set on saving Japan.

WE WILL SHARE THE REWARD

Thank you for your love and support. Our team is believing God for a move in Japan that will see 90 million people come to Christ over the next generation here in Japan. We have projected the growth necessary to reach that goal and with all that God's been doing, not only are we meeting our goals, we're surpassing them! Recently I read a quote from the late great Reinhard Bonnke, an Evangelist who saw nearly 79 million people come to Christ. He said something powerful that echoed in my heart, and I want to share it with all of you who are praying, giving and supporting us in this ministry.

"In truth, I have done nothing alone. God has called me and has been my pilot. The Holy Spirit has been my comforter, my guide, and my power source... He brought to me the perfect wife. He gave us our beautiful children and extended family. And He has provided a team that has grown with me through decades of working together. Beyond that, He has brought thousands to stand with us. They have supported us in prayer and in partnership. Our rewards in Heaven will be equal." -Reinhard Bonnke

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With much love and thankfulness,
Nate, Ruth, Becca, Anna, Sarah & Joshua

P.S. Don't forget you can easily access our videos, articles and links at www.ReutterFamily.com! We love you!

