



# Robert and Lisa Stewart

Serving with Mission to the World in Japan

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## The Last Homely House

**“A perfect house, whether you like food or sleep, or story-telling or singing, or just sitting and thinking best, or a pleasant mixture of them all.” - The Hobbit**

Covid-19 affected all of our lives and left many of us “locked down” in our homes for months. Although this was a difficult adjustment, we were able to continue worship, meetings, time with friends, and school by using Zoom conferencing.

It was during this time that I stumbled upon a YouTube channel called, “The Last Homely House.” Although you might think that this channel has something to do with delving deeper into The Lord of the Rings, it is actually a crafting/home channel. Kate Jackson is a British grandmother whose YouTube channel is about her cottage in England and all the things that she does to fill her days. She really loves to stay busy.

One of Kate’s quotes that has really stuck with me is, “If you get into your hands, you get out of your head.”

I have always loved a good project. Painting the house, working in the yard, organizing my office, and cleaning. I also have other “hobbies” that are less productive. The greatest of these is worry.

The thing that is worrying me the most these days, is getting back to Japan. Each time we prepare to leave for Japan, we have a list of things that need to be done before our departure date. This time we need to pack up our apartment and prepare things for the move back to Japan, visit the remaining churches on our support team, get both kids settled at two different colleges, say goodbye to family and friends, and raise the remaining funding we need.

Each time we prepare to leave for Japan, we evaluate our budgets and calculate our support needs for the coming term. This usually results in a goal of additional support that needs to be raised. Our goal at this time is to raise an additional \$1500.00 in monthly support.

The list this time seems long.

For the next several months, I am challenging myself to, “get out of my head and get into my hands.” The task is to identify what needs to be done and start working on the list. The goal is to have everything complete by the end of August. The challenge, leave worry behind and prayerfully work towards the goal.

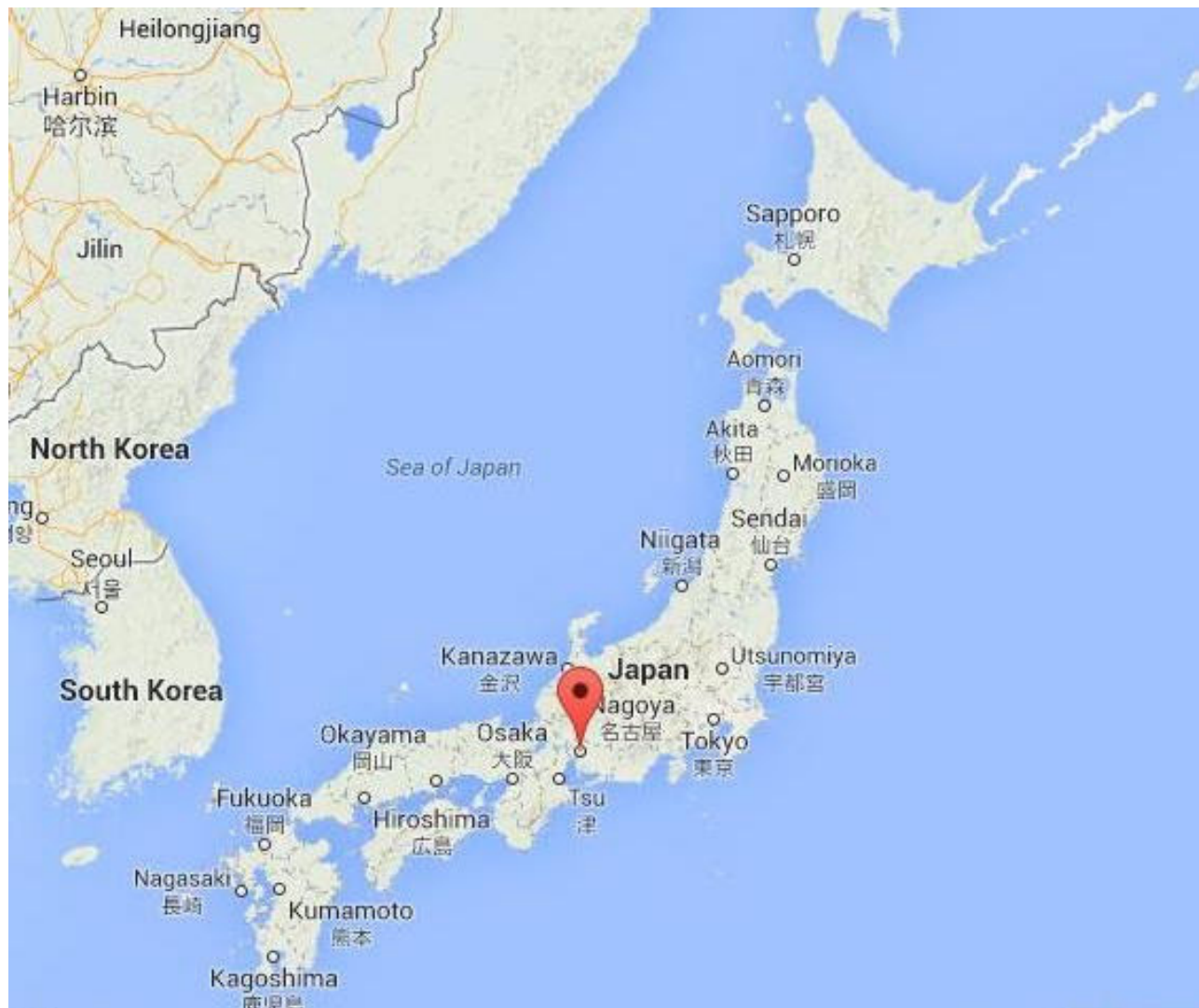
Please pray for all the details that need to be worked out before we can return to Japan. Pray that God would lead us to new financial support and that our love of Japan and our calling to “GO” as missionaries would give us boldness and assurance in completing these tasks.

## *Why do you need additional financial support?*

Lisa and I have been raising support for our ministry with Mission to the World for the last 21 years. Yes, it does seem that we always need additional support. The reason is simple. The Fall. In this fallen world, we have an aging support base. In the last three years, we have had five faithful partners go to be with the Lord. Several others have needed to stop financial support due to retirement.

God’s provision for our financial needs for the last two decades has given us every confidence and hope that He will continue to provide.

Thank you for your prayers.



## *Wonderful Blessing to Nagoya Christian School*

Things are coming together for the start of school in September. We are excited to welcome several new families to our school community and Robert and Lisa are excited about getting back into the classroom. God is raising up a wonderful team of teachers, staff and volunteers. We are thrilled to share that Nagoya Christian School (NCS) has received a \$70,000 grant to help with the start-up costs of this ministry. Our hope is that this school can provide meaningful assistance to the missionary families who are involved in church planting in the Nagoya area.

Special thanks to fellow Nagoya team member Teresa Wilson for her hard work in applying for this grant.

## *Message to Our Partners*

We are grateful for the individuals and churches that support our ministry. Your prayers for the gospel message to reach the hearts of the Japanese people and your ongoing financial support have been a blessing. We have been the recipient of your



financial support for more than 20 years. You have given sacrificially to sustain our ministry and we are grateful. It is humbling to be the recipient of such generosity.

Thank you.



## *Family Update*

The four of us are together again for the month of June!

William had a wonderful first year at Covenant College. He is enjoying being a part of the Maclellan Scholars Program and was able to travel to Gent, Belgium in May with fellow students. He will be working at Orangewood Presbyterian Church in Orlando for the summer.

Isabel will be spending the month of June learning how to drive in preparation to get her license in July. She will also be traveling to Belgium this summer to help with child care for the Mission to the World cross-cultural training for new missionaries. She is excited to study at Belmont University in the fall as part of its Global Honors Program. She plans to major in Psychology.

Robert and Lisa are preparing to return to Japan as empty nesters and to throw themselves into an exciting new work in Nagoya. We are proud parents who are so thankful for the wonderful opportunities for William and Isabel. God has blessed our family this year and the four of us are prepared for the next chapter in our lives.

### *Prayer Points:*

Praise that we have found housing for the month of July in Orlando.

Praise for William's internship at Orangewood Presbyterian Church working with the youth.

Praise for Isabel's high school graduation, the completion of AP exams, and her acceptance at Belmont University in Nashville.

Pray for the additional support that we need to return to Japan and for money to cover our one-time expenses. (Housing deposits, travel, and moving costs.)

Pray for Isabel as she prepares to get her driver's license, finalizes all the details of her move to Nashville, and spends three weeks in Belgium.

Pray for Nagoya Christian School teachers who are currently raising support.

### *A Little More Info*

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