



Kindergarten



BabyClub



Ayu in JumpClub

Dear friends,



Dec 2025



Thanks

For our Mission supporter & their testimonies.

For many children, parents & helpers.

For Ayu & Marianne.

For Josia



in English class.

Petition

For the bereaved.

In Kobe

19. Candlelight
21. Christmas
23. English Class

In Sanda

24. Christmas

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your donation:

The last three months

This fall was pleasantly mild while we were in the U.S. and Canada. Now, winter has arrived and snow is in the forecast also in Japan! Everything has changed quickly this year.

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the wonderful time in North-America that was filled with meeting many of you. Thank you very much to everyone who received us, fed us, and helped us by providing transportation & housing! Your acts of kindness are not forgotten.

Precious memories

During these months, some of our dearest friends and mission-supporters passed away but left a strong lasting legacy of faith for our Lord. We honor their deeds and words: Irma, Corina, Ernst & Michael.

We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebr 12:1

The last two months

We received visits from Canada, Brazil and Germany. Josia arrived for his three-month term helping and help us during this busy Christmas season. We also had several meetings in Kobe, Sanda, and the Motherhouse Bethel with Japanese ministers of our synod.

Andy now preaches in Japanese. Praise the Lord! Also, the Sanda Church appointed a retired female minister to work with Andy there.

The last month

Ayu has begun her work with us in Kobe. She also has moved into our home and lives in her own quarters.

Ayu was one of those children who sought refuge after the 2011 catastrophe in Fukushima. She and her parents belong to the church in Tokyo that is led by Pastor Fran Ueda. Ayu received a call from the Lord for missions and evangelism among young people. After graduating from Tokyo Christian University, she worked for a few years in Osaka serving high school students. She then accepted our call and started her new ministry in Yamanomachi with us.

Beside her office work in the JFDM HQ, she will work alongside Shoko and Marianne in a number of programs (BabyClass, JoyClub and JumpClub). Recently, she preached to 77 children and many mothers at our Christmas program. The message was well received!!!

Ayu will also foster strong connections with our local kindergarten. Her principle is very open to the gospel and has recently brought 23 little children, age 4, to church. With our next short-termers, Leah (from January), Ayu will also volunteer in the kindergarten. Thus, the service Marianne provided for the last four years can continue (Marianne's term in Japan ends in March, 2026).

This Friday, we will host our Candlelight service. All programs throughout the year will lead up into this final major event with participants expected from all age groups.



With gratitude for your prayers and support, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy 2026. Your missionaries, **Shoko & Andy.**

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