Serving Christ in Japan.

MISSION UPDATE

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TO OUR FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

God cares for us through people.

Grace and peace!

Once again, we are glad to share a little of what God has been doing in our family and ministry here in Japan.

We are grateful for everyone who stands with us through prayer, financial support and encouragement. Knowing that we are not alone in this work brings us great joy.



Time together as a family: love and care.

Autumn arrived. So did a helping hand.

The days are growing colder in Japan. Nadine's aunt has come from Brazil to visit and, especially, to help us during this high-risk pregnancy. Having her with us has been a great blessing to our family.

Along with the joy of her company, her practical support makes a real difference as we navigate the care this pregnancy requires. She will stay until the end of December. We thank the Lord for this timely provision.

OUR FAMILY

Waiting for Amélia, one day at a time.



Our family is getting ready to welcome Amélia.

Thank God, Nadine's pregnancy is progressing well. Although it is high-risk and she has had periods of considerable pain, the doctors are hopeful that the pregnancy can continue until the right time, without Amélia being born prematurely.

We see this as an answer to prayer and an expression of God's grace. We are thankful for the attentive care of the hospital staff.

We are especially grateful for Hiroki, our friend and partner, who comes with us to appointments as an interpreter. His fluency in Japanese helps us communicate with the doctors and understand their guidance.

We are getting things ready for Amélia's arrival and trusting the Lord to keep providing for our needs. Amid our concerns, we are learning to rest in his care, one day at a time.

OUR LOCAL CHURCH

Growing in fellowship around the table.

Our Sunday Bible study continues as we remain committed to teaching God's Word and growing together in faith. We experience the Lord's mercy and are grateful for every opportunity to serve.

More time together

Lunch after the service has become especially meaningful. Social customs in Japan differ from those familiar to many Brazilians. In many churches, informal fellowship after worship can be brief.

Sharing a meal gives us time to talk, deepen relationships and strengthen our bonds as brothers and sisters. We have seen Japanese members stay longer and enjoy this fellowship.

Preparing lunch every Sunday takes work and energy. Some church members volunteer to help, and we are grateful for each one. We ask the Lord for joy and strength to keep making this time possible.

More hands to help

We continue praying for God to raise up people willing to serve in evangelism and in the practical work of the church. Their help enables us to welcome newcomers well and serve faithfully.

We have seen the Lord answer by sending people and equipping believers to help. We trust him to keep providing the workers we need.

Please also pray for our Japanese neighbors. We want to prepare the ground for the Word to be sown and offer visitors a warm welcome. May God open doors, awaken interest in the gospel and give us wisdom to share Christ with love, patience and faithfulness.

PROJECT TOGETHER / HAMAMATSU

Building bridges between Brazil and Japan.



Project Together: pastors and church leaders gathered in Hamamatsu.

We took part in Project Together in Hamamatsu, a gathering of Brazilian church pastors and leaders to reflect on Japan and the importance of working together in mission.

We spoke with Pastor Fábio Ito, rector of FLAM (Faculdade Latino-Americana); Pastor Cassiano, director of SEPAL; and Vitor Fontana, a theologian and digital content creator.

It was a valuable opportunity to consider how Brazilian churches in Japan can cooperate and support the work here.

The vision extends beyond the Brazilian church. The project has also been in dialogue with Japanese pastors, building a bridge between Brazil and Japan and bringing together believers who want to serve alongside one another.

We left encouraged by the possibilities for cooperation. We want to keep listening, learning and exploring ways for Brazilian churches to support the church in Japan.

Please pray for these relationships and future opportunities. May the Lord guide this growing partnership and give us wisdom to walk in unity.

OUR CHILDREN

Between two cultures, rooted in Christ.





Snapshots of school life in Japan.

By God's grace, the children are doing well at school and growing more comfortable with the Japanese language and culture. Elisa is beginning to read and write in Japanese. We also keep working on Portuguese at home as opportunities arise.

Raising children in a culture different from our own brings particular challenges. As they grow up between different cultural worlds, we want to help them understand their story.

Above every cultural reference point, we want their identity to be rooted in Christ. Please pray for us as parents, asking the Lord to give us wisdom and grace in this responsibility.

Pray for the children's spiritual and emotional protection. May they grow in reverence for the Lord, joyful, secure in God's love and aware of the privilege of belonging to Christ.

CONTINUING OUR LIFE IN JAPAN

Planning our next steps.

2027

Visa renewals

Our whole family is due to renew our visas next year. We have been following changes in the fees and preparing for a considerably higher cost, which calls for careful financial planning.

We are praying that the Lord will provide what we need to cover these expenses and that, according to his will, our renewals will be granted.

Please remember this need in your prayers. We want to continue serving in Japan with peace of mind while responsibly meeting the legal requirements.



Our children and the life we are building here.

The same God who brought us here will continue to sustain us.

STAND WITH US IN PRAYER

Thank you for sharing in this mission.

Mission is the work of the whole body of Christ. Every prayer, gift and word of encouragement is part of this journey.

01 **For Nadine's pregnancy**

May God protect Nadine and the baby, granting health, strength and delivery at the right time.

02 **For our family**

For the children's adjustment, wisdom in parenting, and spiritual and emotional protection.

03 **For the church and outreach**

For open hearts in our neighborhood, visitors, and more workers willing to serve.

04 **For fellowship in the church**

For energy, resources and helpers so we can keep nurturing time together.

05 **For our visa renewals**

For financial provision and God's guidance throughout the renewal process in 2027.

Thank you for being part of this journey.
We keep sowing the Word, trusting God to bring the growth.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

Souza Family