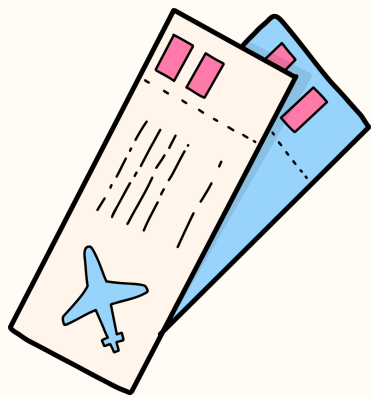


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Hello



I would like to give you a brief insight into my preparation time before my departure to Japan.

In March, once the visa approval confirmed that I would be moving to Japan in July, I contacted the mission organization “Globe Mission”, which supports missionaries on their journey.

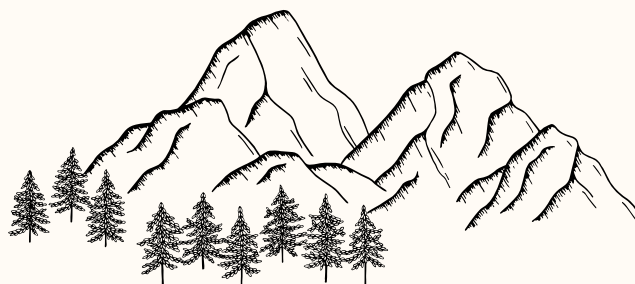
Since I see my relocation and church work in Japan as a long-term mission and consider support along this path very valuable, I entered the application process.

As part of this process, participants attend a “ready2go” candidate school. This is not only meant for getting to know one another, but also provides important input on mission work and life in different cultures.

The candidate school took place from May 18–23 in Hamminkeln, near the Dutch border. Each day was well structured: the program began early in the morning with breakfast together and often ended late in the evening with small groups and discussion sessions.

During this week, in addition to faith-related topics, we also covered practical and cultural subjects such as intercultural communication, church planting, cultures and values, relationships in the mission field, as well as bookkeeping and donation management.

Aside from having to abruptly switch from my night schedule as a night porter to a normal daytime rhythm, the week was very valuable and encouraging for me.





I had the opportunity to get to know the Globe Mission team as well as many future missionaries, and I was able to gain many important insights and impulses that will certainly help me in my work and life in Japan.

In the following week, I took a few days off work so that I was able to travel to Munich to pick up my passport with the three-year visa from the Japanese consulate.

At the beginning of June, I became aware that my departure on July 2nd was getting closer. Therefore, I turned my to-do list into smaller steps with milestones and scheduled meetings with friends in my calendar, which helped me a lot.

In addition to all the organizational tasks—such as canceling contracts, arranging insurance, and completing my residence deregistration—this month was also filled with many meaningful and joyful meetings with friends.



Now there is only one day left until my departure, and I have to admit that I still haven't fully grasped that I am not just leaving Germany for a short time, but that I will be building a new home-base in Japan step by step.

I am very excited and full of anticipation for this new chapter of my life.

My living situation in Tokyo is luckily already arranged: I will be living with two Japanese roommates, about my age - early 30's, whom I had the opportunity to get to know last year as I was visiting [Awakening Asia](#).

I believe that my rather simple lifestyle and my openness toward other cultures will help me quickly adapt to life and culture in Japan.





the first steps

For the first weeks, I plan to settle in, get everything organized, start a Japanese language course, and take care of administrative matters with the Japanese authorities.

At the same time, I am looking forward to getting involved right away at Awakening Asia in both the church and the café, especially with the planned opening of the new café in Shibuya at the end of August.

My desire is to equip and pastorally support Christians and churches in Japan so that they may come to know their God-given calling, grow spiritually, and live a life in the fullness of Christ.

Furthermore, I carry a deep passion to equip believers to bring the principles of the Kingdom of God into the business world and to spread the Gospel there as salt and light.

In my next newsletter, I will share more about my work in Tokyo and the Awakening Asia church so that you can gain a better insight into my future ministry.

Prayer requests:

- Safe travel without any delays
- A good blessed time of getting to know the Team and the church congregation
- Unity in the Team & Church
- Endurance to learn the Japanese language

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one waters the plants, one reaps
and we will all Feast in His Glory together*

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