

JAPANORAMA - HYDROGEN CARS

The age of zero emissions is fast approaching as Nissan Motors starts to mass produce hydrogen fuel cell vehicles (FCV) that run on liquid hydrogen. Instead of a large battery, it uses a fuel cell -- a device that converts the energy from hydrogen gas into electricity. The only emission is water vapor.

The 4-door **Mirai**, meaning 'future', initially sells for US\$55,000 and is capable of traveling 480 km (300 miles) before taking three minutes to fill up the tanks at a hydrogen filling station.

The Japanese government recently introduced many initiatives to develop the necessary infrastructure. The city of Tokyo has pledged to make hydrogen available at a price similar to that of gasoline, while boosting the number of hydrogen refueling stations to about 100 by 2016.

The **Mirai** comes with an added bonus. An electrical port in the trunk can be used to generate enough electricity from liquid hydrogen to power the average Japanese home for one week.

PRAISE & PRAYER

1. **Pray** for blessing and strength for Annie Richardson as her work assignment changes in September to teaching Bible 4 days per week at Kansai Christian School and one day at a church as an English Evangelism teacher. This exciting opportunity will help her reach many students and the surrounding community for Christ.
2. Marie Honeyman has decided to return to South Africa for health reasons. **Pray** that the Lord would guide, bless and protect her.
3. Samantha Shoner will be joining JM from the USA to teach in the English Evangelism Program. **Pray** for wisdom and protection.
4. We are in need of at least one more English teacher to join us by January 2016 who is qualified to teach ESL. **Pray** that the Lord would provide dedicated and well-qualified workers.

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UNDER GOD'S WATCHFUL EYE

Tsuguto Nishioka was born in August 1989 to a middle class family in Osaka. His father was a business man who had very little knowledge of Christianity.

However, the Lord was at work in his mother's heart before he was born. She had attended church before she was married. While pregnant with Tsuguto, she remembers praying and asking God to protect and use him one day.

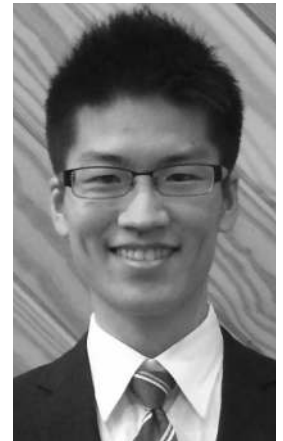
She enrolled Tsuguto in a Christian kindergarten where he learned to pray before lunch and sing worship songs with the other children. After kindergarten Tsuguto had no contact with Christianity until he entered university.

It was during November 2009, while in his second year of study, that he felt the urge to study English. His mother suggested that he find a church where he could study English, so Tsuguto found a local church where they were teaching English. Melanie Peter of Japan Mission was the teacher.

"When I arrived at the church, they welcomed me and the teacher seemed cheerful and friendly," Tsuguto shared. "I had a lot of fun and started to attend the classes regularly.

"Following each English class, there was a ten-minute Bible study. There were many new concepts that I did not understand because I had never read the Bible, so I started to read the Bible to satisfy my curiosity.

"I came to understand the concept of sin and realized that I struggled with pride. I was haughty and would often compare myself to others. Intellectually, I understood that I was a sinner, but my pride prevented



Tsuguto Nishioka

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me from accepting this in my heart. I understood what Jesus had done on the cross, but I could not accept Him as my personal Savior because I felt that I could be successful without God.

“As I attended church, I noticed that the members seemed to be full of joy and different from non-Christians. I struggled to understand the meaning of the message, but continued to attend regularly because I enjoyed the friendships and opportunity to improve my English.

“One Sunday after the service, I had lunch at church and the minister asked me if I wanted to become a Christian. I was hesitant, but as he was speaking the Holy Spirit caused me to remember my past.

“My mother had prayed for me before I was born and had placed me in a Christian kindergarten. It was because of her suggestion that I found a wonderful church where I made many friends.

“As I recalled these things, I felt a deep sense of shame because I had been so prideful, thinking that my success was only the result of my abilities and hard work. I then realized that I had always been under God’s watchful eye and that He had been guiding my steps and protecting me.

“It was then, for the first time that I came to the true realization that I was a sinner and needed God’s forgiveness. I talked to the minister about this and he prayed with me. I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus as my personal Savior on January 24, 2010.

“While I was praying, tears of joy flowed down my cheeks. I felt as though a heavy weight was lifted from my shoulders. I was sure that this weight was my sin.”

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved (Romans 10:10).

“Before accepting Jesus, I often experienced anxiety over the future and felt pressure to perform. After becoming a Christian, I had a sense of peace and hope for the future. I could rest in the knowledge that God would lead me into a perfect future. All I needed to do was to surrender to His will and He would guide and lead me. It was so much easier than trying to do it all in my own strength!

“As time passed, I tried to be diligent about studying and reading the Bible, because I wanted to know more about this wonderful and exciting walk with my Savior. At first it was easy, but after a number of months it became more difficult. I found myself reading the Bible less and less.

“I thought that this was not good, so I renewed my commitment to read the Bible regularly. However, I found that the result was the same. As I struggled to be faithful in this matter, I started to doubt my salvation.

“One day, while praying and reading the Bible, I came across the same verse that the minister had read to me when I accepted Jesus into my heart:

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become children of God (John 1: 12).

“I realized afresh that if I had accepted Jesus as my Savior, the Scripture assures me that I am a child of God and it was wrong for me to doubt this promise.

“It is wonderful that a sinner such as I can call the God of all creation my Father! I was overcome with feelings of joy, and realized that reading God’s Word was a privilege and not an obligation!

“I praise the Lord for continuing to work in my heart and for His grace and mercy!” □

OPPORTUNITIES TO SOW THE SEED

Tsuguto Nishioka and Melanie Peter were married on May 2, 2015. Melanie’s family came from Canada and many of Tsuguto’s non-Christian family and friends were present. It was a joyous occasion and a unique opportunity for them to share their testimonies with friends and relatives.

Over the years, the Lord has given Tsuguto and Melanie some wonderful opportunities to witness and influence the lives of his family members for the Lord. When Tsuguto visits his family home, they wait and allow him to pray before eating.

His parents recently built a new house. In Japan, it is traditional to ask a Shinto priest to cleanse the property from evil and ask for good luck before proceeding with a building project. The family agreed instead to ask the minister of the local church to come and pray for blessing and protection! The Lord seems to be at work in their hearts.

Pray for Tsuguto Nishioka’s family, all of whom are unsaved. Pray that his father, mother, brother and grandparents would come to experience the joy of knowing Jesus as Savior and Lord.



Melanie & Tsuguto

SUMMER MISSIONS PROJECT

Helping churches reach their communities for Christ is a core purpose of Japan Mission. During August, Alex Verwey and a team of workers will travel to Toyama, an area in rural Japan with very few churches, to help a church that was recently started. They plan to distribute Christian literature, set up a fellowship area with refreshments, teach English and share the Gospel through various types of media. **Pray** that the Lord will give them wisdom and that many would be added to this church.