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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you for your prayers!

Edward and Josephine Zimmerman were blessed with the birth of a healthy and beautiful baby girl. Jodie Ema was born on March 26, 2024.

It is with great joy that we welcomed the newest and youngest member into our mission family! What a precious gift from the Lord! **Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward** (Psalm 127:3).

The Lord had His hand of protection upon them as Jodie was born at 11:41 on a stormy morning, while the cold wind was howling, rain was pelting down and thunder could be heard in the distance. The weather on this day seemed so symbolic of the struggles of childbirth; since these storms are often the birth pangs that give way to spring and the coming cherry blossom season. Watching God at work through His wondrous creation never ceases to amaze!

Pray for continued strength and health for Jodie, and that God's name would be glorified through her life. **Pray** that she would grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus.



Jodie Ema

ANIMATOR ARTIST FOR JESUS

Callum Kyllonen was born in Vancouver, Canada in May 1991. "I grew up in a non-Christian home, but was told that my grandmother was a believer," he shared. "As I grew up, the only teachings that were passed on to me was, 'Keep the 10 Commandments and pray to Jesus at night.'



Callum Kyllonen

"Since I had not read the Bible, I did not understand the Jesus part. *'Who exactly is Jesus and why am I praying to Him?'* As I fell short of keeping many of the Commandments, I carried a lot of guilt around during my years in high school.

"A friend then invited me to a youth group, which I mainly attended for the games. It was there that I was introduced to the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. However, I soon stopped attending the youth group and carried on with my old ways until the end of high school.

"I was then faced with some very serious decisions in my life. The culmination of the stress and lack of meaning to it all led me to cry out to God saying, *'God, I need you to help me, I don't know what to do!'*

"Soon after, I began to attend a college in a neighboring town. It was on the bus where I met someone I knew from the youth group and they shared the Gospel with me.

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“All the pieces started to fit together as God used the following verse to convict me of my sin. ***Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith (Galatians 3:24)***. The guilt that I was carrying around showed me my need for the Savior.

“I confessed my sins and accepted the Lord Jesus as my Savior. I found true joy as I was released from the burden of guilt that I carried around for so many years. I realized that I did not need to try to be good in my own strength anymore. I found peace as I came to realize that the Lord was in control and He would help me face any challenge.

“Since then, it has been a journey with highs and lows, but God continues to be faithful!” ***He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:6)***.

CALLING TO JAPAN - CALLUM KYLLONEN

“While in college, I received a certification in Animation and worked in this field for 3 years,” Callum shared. “I then worked in videography and marketing for 5 years. During this time, I became involved with a youth group and worked as a volunteer for the media department of my church.

“While serving on the missions committee, I was introduced to missions. My first experience was building houses with our students in Mexico in 2019, while documenting our time there.

“We had a number of missionaries visit our church from various countries, so we filmed and interviewed them to present their needs to our church, as well as to provide videos they could share with their other supporters.

“It was during this time that Aaron Wilson, a former missionary of Japan Mission, shared that Japan Mission could use someone with my skills. I then went to Japan to work as a volunteer. After seeing this ministry and engaging with the people and the culture, I found myself drawn to serve in Japan.

“After returning to Canada, I started to use online language exchanges to practice Japanese and help Japanese with their English learning. I had no idea how the Lord would lead me to work in Japan, but soon after Japan Mission informed me that they were looking for a teacher for their English evangelism program. They were also looking for someone to help in their media ministry. I was excited for this opportunity to continue working with the team

and connect with the Japanese students while sharing the Gospel! This challenged me to get my TEFL certification.

Please **pray** that I will be a blessing to my students.”

ENGLISH & MEDIA MINISTRY

After doing some volunteer work for Japan Mission, Callum Kyllonen joined as a full-time member in January 2024. As an English Evangelism teacher, he goes out to various churches each week to teach English. Each class ends with a short Bible talk. Callum has also played a key role in producing high quality media, that draws people to churches and promotes their activities.

Most Japanese churches struggle to maintain engaging websites and don't have a welcome video for newcomers because they lack the resources and know-how to develop these tools. Japan Mission is committed to working with local churches to create media tools that help them communicate the message of Hope to their local communities.

Pray that many lives would be impacted through Callum's efforts to reach the Japanese people.

JAPAN MISSION - CALLED TO SERVE

Japan Mission seeks to evangelize the unsaved and assist the Bible-believing churches of Japan. Most churches are small and in need of assistance with literature, evangelistic programs, media development and help from well-qualified workers.

This ministry is interdenominational, not planting churches, but rather linking those reached through various avenues of ministry to already-existing churches.

Japan Mission has about 40 people in its family of workers, 20 of whom minister in Japan, and about 20 representatives in various countries who play a crucial role by helping Japan Mission stay in contact with prayer partners and supporters in Australia, Canada, South Africa, the UK and the USA.

Faithful co-workers play a vital role through teaching, preaching, evangelism, counseling, Bible study, correspondence and the publication of literature. Japan Mission also works in partnership with key associates who have been making an impact in the lives of many for the Gospel in East Asia.