

October 2025

"Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exult his name together!"

Psalm 34v3

Short Term Workers

Praise God that David and Markus (from Germany) and Dany (from Chile) have arrived in Hanamaki and have begun work supporting the church. **Please pray** that they will continue to settle in well into Hanamaki and that we will all work together well in our new team. Here are some of the things they have been involved in:

Short Term Workers - University and School English

Praise God for the friendship with have with an Australian Christian (Simon) who works at Fuji University in the south of Hanamaki. He has asked David, Markus and Dany to help him teach his English Club and to lead English classes for those about to study abroad. **Praise God** for the good atmosphere at each of these classes which began this week. **Please pray** for a good witness for these three young people and for the students to be receptive to coming to church events.

Praise God too for the opportunity to give feedback at English classes run by one of our Filipino church members. **Please pray** for God's help and guidance in restarting a regular ministry for Junior-High and High School students at the church.

Short Term Workers - Community Groups

Praise God that, David, Markus and Dany have had lots of opportunities to meet new people through football, volleyball, boxing class, school events and photography meetings. Despite often not sharing a common language, they have often been welcomed with enthusiasm as "cool foreigners". **Please pray** that they can build good friendships with those that they meet and that they can link people to the church.

Short Term Workers - Events

Through God's wonderful guidance, all of our current short term workers are from or have family links to South America. On the 31st of October at 6pm, as a team, we will host a South America Event.

Please pray that many people will come and hear that gospel. Please pray that the games, quizzes and meal on the night will provide a warm and fun atmosphere.

Craft Event

Praise God that, on the 22nd of October, we held a craft event making early Christmas cards. Fourteen people came including some who have not attended the church before. **Please pray** that those who came will continue to think about the gospel message they heard and believe in Jesus.

Preparing to hand over Leadership to the Eldership

Thank you for praying for our planning to hand over leadership to the church eldership during our time in the UK next year (April to October of 2026). **Praise God** that the elders have had some good ideas for how to manage the church during that time. **Please pray** for a good meeting with them and a missionary colleague on the 2nd of November where we will discuss how OMF can support them in our absence next year.

Caleb starting at Hebron School

Thank you for praying for Caleb (14) as he begins boarding at Hebron School (in India) from the 27th of October. **Praise God** that we were able to secure visas for Mark and Caleb and safely travelled to India. Caleb had a good first day including playing football with his dorm-mates. **Please pray** for a good start for Caleb, for him to make friends and for him to thrive in both his studies and his new lifestyle in Hebron.

Planning for Evangelistic Events over Christmas

Like many of you, we are now beginning to plan our Christmas programs at church. **Please pray** for good ideas and involvement from church members. **Please pray** for good planning for all of us and for open hearts for many to come and hear the gospel. By mid-November, two more short term workers will have arrived from Australia. **Please pray** for wisdom for Mark and Sarah so that they can effectively use the gifts of everyone on the team that God has given us.

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Thank you so much again for praying for us.

With love from Mark, Sarah, Grace, Isaac and Caleb



Us with Markus, David, Rachel and Dany



Harvest Service



Caleb leaving Hanamaki

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