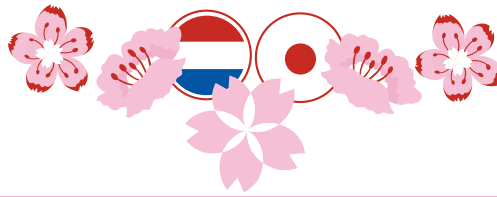


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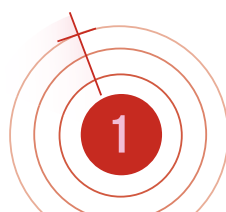
Together with the home front team, I am very happy to announce that I can leave for Japan. After OMF told me that they did not think there were many possibilities left for me to be sent out to Japan, we started searching for a different organisation. And we have found one: Filadelfia Zending (Filadelfia Mission)!

Filadelfia Zending supports projects all over the world. They do not recruit their own workers, but support missionary workers and communities in carrying out their missionary tasks. For me, this means that in Japan I will not become part of a team but go there on my own. Just like planned

before I will first do language studies. After that through local churches or organisations I hope to find ways to share the gospel of Jesus.

When I first considered mission, I always said I would never go to Japan on my own, but much has changed over the past few years. Doors I expected to remain open have closed. Finding a new organisation proved challenging, because some organisations in Japan use out-reach methods that do not suit me very well. I have felt guided in finding Filadelfia Zending. In the night after my first talk with them I even dreamt that I was standing beside a train track where all the lights suddenly turned green. Perhaps it was a coincidence, perhaps not. It is a shame we have to say goodbye to OMF, but I believe I am still meant to go to Japan, while they saw few possibilities for me.

From now on, we will send newsletters more frequently again. We have been very quiet over the past seven months, but we are grateful that many of you have stayed involved with Project Deshima, through prayers, gifts and personal attention. Thanks so much for that!



PRACTICAL: WHAT WILL CHANGE?

As said before, I will go to Japan on my own. I will pursue language studies for at least a year and a half. I can now decide for myself in which town I want to do that. I have not decided yet, but I am considering Fukuoka. This town is situated on the southernmost large island of Japan. Together with Tokyo, it is the only city in Japan that is still growing. Fukuoka is home to the Japanese headquarters of mission organisation Pioneers. Perhaps this will lead to interesting contacts in the future.

I hope to leave in the autumn. Before then, lots of things will still have to be arranged with Filadelfia Zending and settled with OMF. Financial support for Project Deshima that is in OMF's account will be transferred to Filadelfia Zending. Those who consider support, can from now on use this Filadelfia Zending account number: **NL49ABNA0496875000**. When you transfer money always use this **code: 8566** and the project name: Deshima.



PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

Praise the Lord that after three years of illness and delays we now have new opportunities to go to Japan. What a wonderful gift!

Praise God for the Filadelfia Zending board members' enthusiasm. It was a delight to get to know them.

Pray for OMF. Even though we will no longer work with them, we pray that through them many other missionaries will make a difference in the world.

Pray for the ongoing process. There's a lot of work still to be done in the run-up to the departure for Japan.

