

# Merry Christmas



Dear Pastor Tim Patton and Doxa Church

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We celebrate Jesus, Immanuel in Tokyo. Thank you so much for your love for us. I am humbled and thankful before the Lord for our global friends and family of churches who help our family plant His churches in Tokyo. We appreciate you!!

Looking back on 2020, It was a year of many changes because of the Corona pandemic. At the same time, it was a year of gaining increasing trust in God's sovereignty and promises which will never change.

I thank the Lord for his unchanging grace and work as I remember each and every one of the Lord's accomplishments. Our family was protected during this year. This was a year that our marriage relationship got stronger and love grew deeper. Even when we both suffered from various challenging situations, we were able to go through them together. Yuka, the eldest daughter, graduated from elementary school and is now in junior high school. She studies hard and plays sports in a club at her school every day. My second daughter, Nanaka, started home school this year. This is the first case at our local public school, but we were able to do this with the understanding of the school officials. She likes arts and music and was able to have a lot of time for it. My son Atsuto is in his last year of kindergarten this year. He loves playing soccer at the parks with many friends.

Even in this difficult year with Corona pandemic, the gospel has rooted further and expanded in our church. He also gave us new believers in the Lord and several other members were added to our church. Even though we weren't gathered together in-person, we were able to deliver messages from the Bible by videos and speak the gospel to each other within each missional community. The Holy Spirit is at work among our people to worship Him and nurtured by His words at each place. Also, we are thankful that we were given two family churches to help each other and work together in these difficult seasons.

We are grateful that we can continue to plant a church here with our brothers and sisters around the world to see the vision of gospel saturation in Tokyo and beyond. Our faithful God is with us and He will work in us and through us to proclaim the gospel to His people in Japan. We trust Him and follow his lead. Please pray that we are able to faithfully preach the Word until the day when the Lord will come back again soon.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Please have a wonderful holiday.

Yoshito Noguchi