



Spring-Summer 2026

House Stewards have already been on the field this year as Tom and Catherine were in London during the winter. They did not let the chilly weather and short days discourage them from serving. Catherine kept a brisk diary of weekly activity at the local church from teaching in the English classes to serving coffee and tea to the moms and tots play group. Tom focused on meeting with men who minister to local congregations, giving them a chance to have someone “ask about their needs” and lending a prayerful and supportive ear in one-to-one meetings, and rejoining the street evangelism teams at their book tables. While they did not replace the mission couple within their specific ministry, Tom and Catherine served humbly where God placed them.



Oikonomos International exhibited at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of America (USPCA) in Louisville, Kentucky, in June. Because of donations by churches and individuals to cover the cost of this, we were able to share with hundreds of people the mission goals of Oikonomos International. The exhibition hall welcomed over 2300 commissioners along with their family members and other approved ministries in the annual gathering of teaching and ruling elders. This investment in time and resources spread the news of the work of Oikonomos both to the church leadership and missionaries in several ways:

- 1) Churches learned how Oikonomos helps those the local church already supports;
- 2) Church leaders can now identify potential House Stewards from among their congregations;
- 3) Generate annual support for the expenses of operating the ministry.

The exhibition hall was open for 29 hours of intense work from Tuesday through Thursday, June 22-24. Experienced Stewards Cecil and Paula were there in the booth sharing their experiences along with Adrienne and David.



Stewards Dean and Mary Jane are heading to Prague for the summer, marking the second year for Oikonomos to be in the Czech Republic. When they asked their missionary partners how best they could serve the Christians in the local church there, the answer was "presence: most Christians in the church (here) are young. and they love spending time with those who have walked with Christ through their adult years."



Adrianne and Catherine look forward to a second short term trip to Japan (Tokyo) in the autumn. They will meet a specific need for a missionary family there as the Oikonomos ministry in Japan grows. They will again be using Google Translate to read the labels in the supermarkets and practicing their limited Japanese skills for several weeks. As a working trip, though, they want to make skillful use of the time there. Oikonomos has been favored with excellent contacts, but we want to broaden our reach to missionaries on other MTW and RUF-G teams we did not meet last year in Tokyo.



Several new House Steward couples are in the approval pipeline. This is great news since even though the summer is here, missionary requests may still come in for 2026. There are already 6 slots for House Stewards in 2027, and we are eager to see the Lord take Oikonomos and our Stewards into 2028. We need additional Stewards.

Requests from OIKONOMOS INTERNATIONAL:

- We urge our potential missionary families to contact us as far in advance of their needs as possible.
- We urge those interested in serving as House Stewards to apply as soon as possible; the application process takes time, so please *apply now* in order to stand ready to serve whenever the need arises.
- We urge those who can to support Oikonomos with a financial gift as we try to operate this non-profit on a "shoe string."
- We THANK YOU for your prayers for our Stewards and the missionaries they serve - that God would be glorified by bearing one another's burdens.

We would love to have your financial support.

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