

JAPAN●LOG

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Art by Ryo Azumi, one of the artists collaborating with us on Waypoints, our first manga project

A TURNING POINT

“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin...” (Zechariah 4:10 NLT)

13+ years since I first came to Japan as a full-time missionary, 3+ years since the vision for **Drawbridge Creations** was birthed in my heart, and after 6+ months of behind-the-scenes work, we are on the verge of officially launching this new ministry. It's exciting to finally be at this point in the journey. I'm thankful that Yoko's with me in this, and we're both thankful for God's leading and provision thus far, as well as your partnership through prayer and giving. **Thank you** for being a part of our journey and coming to this turning point with us.

Waypoints, our first online manga (comic)

series, is scheduled to begin serializing in August at www.waypoints.jp!

Why Waypoints?

First of all, credit for the name goes to our missionary friend and co-writer Zach Motts for coming up with the name.

The term “waypoint” is primarily used in travel, navigation and video games. But there

Waypoints

are waypoints in life too — unexpected encounters that change the direction of a person’s life.

Waypoints is an anthology series about these kinds of encounters. Each tale brings a unique point of view. Each story has a different artist. Each character’s experiences are unique. But each of these characters has met someone who has changed their lives and set them on a new path. That someone, of course, is Jesus Christ.

I recently came across this definition on the National Geographic website:

“A waypoint is a reference point that helps us know where we are and where we're going. Whether we are walking, driving, sailing, or flying, waypoints help us find our way.”

I’m sure this isn’t what they intended, but what a great way to describe a life-changing encounter with Jesus!

Of course, Yoko and I are at a sort of “waypoint” of our own, as we mark this turning point from dreaming and preparing to actually launching and doing the ministry of Drawbridge Creations. I’ve been keeping busy as not only artist and writer, but also playing the role of project director, website designer and editor. Yoko has been working



on translation and admin work, as well as helping me edit stories and communicate with the four collaborating artists who are working on stories for us now.

Soon things will go from behind-the-scenes to public, as these Bible-based stories are released and hopefully find an audience.

Please join us in celebrating this moment of the journey, thanking God for leading us this far. And please **pray** with us too — that through these comics and this ministry, many people will find themselves at waypoints of their own with Jesus.

Thank you again for journeying with us!
We appreciate your partnership and prayers!

- Robin and Yoko (July 6, 2021)

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