



David Thull

Marathon for Sacramento Betsuin 125th Anniversary



Just prior to his 45th birthday in April 2022, Thull became a member of the Fresno Betsuin. To mark the occasion, with marathon running a hobby of his, Thull ran visiting all of the temples within the Central California District.

Planning an ultramarathon to run 200 miles to Sacramento Betsuin for his upcoming birthday in April, it was suggested by Sacramento Betsuin that it be a charity as part of their 125th Anniversary and Thull readily agreed.

Starting on November 20, he completed the run in four days. Those who heard about the challenge contributed a total of \$44,000 and was distributed to the family of Nathan Imura (13), a Sacramento Betsuin member who is undergoing treatment for leukemia, and to an NPO that supports families with children fighting childhood cancer. “During the run, I was able to meet Nathan. He is a tough kid. Compared to the battle he is facing, running is easy. Despite the rain and bad weather conditions, I am glad that I was able to accomplish my goal” he shared with a smile. (47)

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