



Japan Update

March ~ April, 2007

REPORTED FROM THE NATIONAL CHURCH

Praises:

1. Two young people are thinking of entering JAST, our Alliance Seminary in March, the start of the new school year. As well as these 2 new students, we'll have 3 second year students as well.
2. Three JAST students will be graduating this spring and entering ministry within our national churches.

Prayer Requests:

1. **Please pray** for our JAST teachers. With Ken and Kathy Young going on Home Assignment this year, we will need others to teach their classes.
2. **Please pray** for church growth in our JAC churches. Some of the churches are small and have difficulty financially supporting their pastors.

REPORTED FROM THE MISSION CHURCHES

Hideaki & Kyon Suk Aomatsu (Narita)

*****Please pray** for Pastor Aomatsu as he attends a prayer summit in Korea Feb.25~March 2nd.

*****Praise God** that the church has been able to purchase its own gravesite. It is very important for believers to have their remains placed in a Christian gravesite, rather than a Buddhist one. March will mark the first time that a believer's remains will be interred in the new gravesite.

*****Please pray** for a wonderful service as the church celebrates its 17th anniversary on April 1st.

*****Pray** that some will be ready for baptism at Easter and that God would bless the services to be held at the church. *****Pray** for God's blessing on the first graduation ceremony at Hallelujah Nursery School in March, and for 10 new students as school begins again in April.

*****Please pray** for the Aomatsus as they prepare and travel to the States in June for church ministry there.

Joel & Pauline Black (Tokorozawa) *****Please**

pray that *Hiroshi* will not go to the huge Mormon Church that has been built in our community.

*****Pray** for *Ken* as he prepares to go to seminary in April. *****Please pray** that new people would attend our Friday night Bible reading times.

*****Pray** for *Wendy*, who attends our Friday night Bible study as she contemplates baptism. ***Also, **pray** that many moms and small children will be reached as Pauline begins a new outreach.

KiDoo & Haeng Hwa Kang (Tama) *****Please continue to pray** that new people would be lead to the church. *****Please pray** for our daughter *Songa*, as she enters a Korean MK school in the Philippines this month.

David & Deborah Kim (Shibuya) ***A team of 11 Korean pastors and their wives from Discipleship School Outreach ministered at our church in Jan. and were a great blessing to us. *****Praise God** for the 3 short term teams that visited our church in Jan. and Feb. **Thank you for praying!**

*****Praise God** for His blessing on our annual meeting held in Jan. and for the newly appointed deacons. **Pray** that these men will be used greatly by God this year. *****Pray** for the baptismal service to be held Easter Sunday. *****Please begin praying now** for our Church Family camp to be held May 3~5. *****Please remember** David's mother living in Anchorage by herself. She needs a physical touch from God.

David & Vangi Kindervater (Sengendai) *****We**

thank God for continued growth in *Mr. Tanaka* who was baptized last summer. He has recently started attending evening classes at a seminary! ***On April 1st, a short-term team will be doing a child-evangelism training seminar at Sengendai Church. **Please pray** that believers would be emboldened to share Christ with their grandchildren and neighborhood kids. ***April 7th will be a special Children's Easter Outreach. **Please pray** that many children would come and understand the good news! ***April will be the start of a new church calendar year and several new evangelism initiatives. **Please pray** for us as we plan and prepare.

Harry & Jane Landaw (Chiba) *****Praise God**

that a group of young moms in a training group have asked to study the Bible and how it applies to daily life. Of the 10, only 2 are believers. **Please pray** for wisdom and for prepared hearts as Jane leads this new study and for the salvation of each one. *****Praise God** for *Yoshi*, a middle-aged man from Harry's Sports Evangelism Ministry, who returned to church after a long absence. **Pray** that he will continue to grow in his faith. *****Please pray** for 2 families we are working closely with as they prepare to move to America. As a result of studying English and the Bible together, God is working. Both fathers have asked us to help them locate a church near them in America. **Please pray** that they would continue to be open and accept Jesus. *****Please pray** for the Holy Spirit's guidance and help as Harry begins teaching at the Alliance Seminary in Hiroshima twice a month from April ~ July, and for additional speaking ministries.

Jill Landaw (Narita) *****Praise God** that the young adults are doing a great job transitioning to positions of leadership for the young

adult/youth group. **Thank you for praying!** We have 2 teams of young adults who have begun to direct the Sunday Activities as of Feb. **Please pray** that they will continue to grow in holiness and in their walk with Christ as they assume these new responsibilities. *****Praise God** for Audrey, our new English teacher, whose husband attends Tokyo Christian University. **Thank you for praying!** She has learned the ropes very quickly and is doing a great job teaching at the nursery school. *****Please pray** for the Thursday English Bible Class where 3 seekers are studying "Who is Jesus". We are almost finished with the book of Mark, and March is our last month of class. **Please pray** for them to respond to the Holy Spirit's work and that they will turn over their hearts to Jesus! *****Please pray** for me as I prepare to go on home assignment in May, for the many details that are involved and for all the goodbyes that are coming.

Dale & Heidi Lemke (Youth Work) *****Please pray** that we will be able to launch small groups for Bible study and discussion in April when the new school year starts at the nearby university. **Pray** that we and *Yuri*, the only Christian student we know of on campus, will be able to connect with spiritually interested people. *****Please pray** that the last stages of Mia's adoption will go smoothly.

Don & Carol Love (Home Assignment) *****Praise the Lord** for the way he has helped our family in the months of adjustment to Canada. We have all had good experiences in school and church life. *****Praise the Lord** for *Miharu*, a girl we met last fall, who this past week decided to give her heart to God. **Please pray** for her as she returns soon to Sapporo. *****The Missions Executive of Alliance University College** sent a group of students to Egypt during the Feb. winter break to help at a school of Sudanese refugee children. **Please pray** for these children, for the impact on the AUC students who went and for the entire school to continually raise its vision for discipling the nations for Jesus. *****Please pray** that Don's classes will bring lasting help to students, for the college as it begins to build its new campus this spring, and for the AUC students (including Heather Woon) who are planning to go overseas next school year with the "Onsite" program. *****Please pray** for our preparations to return to Japan. **Pray** that our hearts will be made ready and that we will be used to build up the church.

Aki & Chieko Minamitani (Yachiyo) *****Praise God** for the healthy baby boy born to *Mizuka* and *Jorge* on Feb. 18th. **Thank you for praying!** *****Please pray** for *Mrs. Obiki*, *Mrs. Fukushima*, *Mrs. Mitsui*, *Mr. Miyamoto*, and *Mr. Takimoto* who need a physical touch from the Lord. *****Please continue to pray** for the salvation of *Mr. Kikkawa*, *Junko*, *Yoko*, and *Sachiyo*. *****Please**

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pray for healing for Aki's mother who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. *****Please pray** for Chieko's health, as well as God's vision, strength and wisdom for Aki as he shepherds the church.

Darren & Minako Polischuk (Missionary Partners) *****Please pray** for Darren during this very busy season of Greatest Gift Ministries. *****Please pray** for him as he travels with short-term teams to Cambodia, March 8~15, then on to Manila, March 17~24. He needs to prepare 600 gift boxes for shipment before he leaves. He also must communicate with trip participants, trip coordinators in the receiving countries and with shipping staff. **Pray** that the trips will be life-changing for all of those involved. *****Pray** for Minako as she continues a busy teaching schedule at Christian Academy in Japan.

Don & Hazel Schaeffer (Kawaguchi) *****Praise God** for how He is using the study on Marriage and the Family. God is working in hearts. We thank God for the openness to the teaching. **Thank you for praying!** *****We** are having our annual church meeting on March 25. **Please pray** for unity and for decisions that need to be made. As the church grows, we also need more people to be involved. *****Please continue to pray** for God's provision for a pastor and for a building. We are in need of more space. *****We** are planning a baptism for Easter Sunday. **Please pray** for those who have expressed an interest in baptism to follow through. Other contacts we have are close to making a decision for God. **Please pray** that they too, will make that commitment. *****Several** in the church are dealing with health and emotional issues. **Pray** for God's healing touch on each one.

Ken & Kathy Young (Japan Alliance School of Theology) *****Praise God** that 3 of our students will be graduating from JAST on March 5th. **Please pray** that the graduation will be a blessing to all who attend and for the future of these 3 graduates. *****Praise God** for the recently constructed building in Higashi Hiroshima. **Pray** for God's blessing as Kathy begins ministry there Feb. 28th. *****Please pray** for us as we transition to home assignment in the States in April.

Doug & Carol Woon (Mission Office) *****Please pray** for our transition from the Mission Office to full-time ministry in the Harumi Area. We're looking forward to concentrating on building up this group together with Don and Carol Love. **Pray** that God would provide an affordable apt. close to where we're doing ministry. *****Our** Annual Field Forum takes place April 2~5. **Pray** for the ministry of our guest speakers, *Roy and Carol Johnston* and for the 5 member short-term team coming to do our children's programs.

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