



The Good News Letter

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“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

Prayer Requests

- 1) **Lisa** has a very busy month getting all of her ministries back up to speed after the Japanese spring vacation. Please pray for wisdom, direction and energy to lead and direct the children's, parenting, women's and intercessory prayer ministries!
- 2) **Kailie** is learning about how to respond to such theories as evolution and other kinds of teaching and information in her public school. Please pray for wisdom and understanding, as well as favor, grace and boldness to share the truth with her friends and classmates.
- 3) **Malia** has been going to mini-basketball tryouts and is having a great time. Please pray for protection, favor and wisdom as we seek to help her balance her days between faith, family, school and sports.
- 4) **Corey** will be helping to train a new administrator, coordinating several missions and missionary-related projects, overseeing an upgrade of Hope Tokorozawa's recording system to MP3 format, and raising up several people to help with the Saturday evening service before heading to Chicago for a series of meetings with key groups and individuals that will have a great impact upon ministry in the North Asia region. Please pray for wisdom, favor, grace, patience and persistence!

Praise Reports

WATER BAPTISMS Two people whom we've been praying for, for several years now were baptized at our Saturday evening service. Atsushi, Shinobu's husband had given his heart to the Lord at our Christmas service. The Kikawas are the first entire family to be saved and baptized here at Hope Toko! Shinobu is Lisa's administrator and her children, Riko and Megumi are HEART to HEART students. Kaori, a Legacy of Love volunteer staff and Hearts-to-PRAY (intercessory prayer group) mom also got baptized! She gave her heart to the Lord four years ago. Her husband was against her getting baptized all these years and one day, he responded differently to her question, "Can I get baptized?" "It's ok, go ahead." The Lord really worked in her husband's heart. We are praying for Yasushi's salvation too. Thank you for praying for the men. Please continue to pray for them by name: Yasushi, Futoshi, Koji, Mr. Owaku, Mr. Irukayama, Mr. Adachi, Mr. Bun, Yoshiaki, Yasuo, Mr. Okazaki, and Masahiro. †

GOD'S SALVATION ARMY Thank you for praying for our HEART to HEART students! We were praying that every single student would receive Jesus into their hearts by the last lesson in the 2004-2005 academic year in March. Every student except seven, were saved! Lisa asked a 6th grader, "Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead?" "Hmm, yes because He is God. He can do anything!" Four students whom are "half-way there" are still in HEART to HEART this year. Please pray for these students' salvation: Shota, Masaya, Moeko, and Honoka,. Please pray God would bring more students into our program as they pray for one another, worship, memorize scripture verses, read the Bible(their textbook!), and learn to build their character. Also, please pray for the saved students to be mighty warriors in God's salvation army! HEART to HEART/A Legacy of Love mom, Minna, gave her heart to the Lord in March at a mini-church. Please continue to pray for Reiko as she is the last mom in that mini-church yet to give her heart to the Lord. †

RUSSIA AND TAIWAN Corey had an extra busy month gathering with overseas Foursquare leadership as well as teaching ministers' licensing seminars for Japan Foursquare. He made four trips this April: to Korsakov, Russia the first week, Osaka, Japan the second, Taipei, Taiwan the third and last week to Okinawa, Japan. To see the growth in the various individuals and works and know that he has been able to make a small contribution to the Kingdom of God makes even these busiest times worthwhile! For example, to see that Japan Foursquare has more than doubled its number of churches in the last decade and its number of ministers in five years is a source of encouragement and an answer to the prayers and labors of many. He'll teach two more licensing seminars the first week of May and then looks forward to a chance to slow down and focus on local ministry before heading off to Chicago with the entire family to attend the U.S. Foursquare Convention. †

*With love in His precious Name,
Corey, Lisa, Kailie and Malia*

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