



The Good News Letter

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“Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. . . They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.”

Psalm 84: 5, 7 (NIV)

Prayer Requests

1) **Kailie and Malia...** Malia just started the fourth grade this month, and we ask prayers for the salvation of her teacher, for help in understanding all that goes on around her in school, to make good friends, good habits and be a good witness of Jesus who lives in her heart. Kailie graduated from the sixth grade last month and begins a five-month period of home schooling in preparation for the English language Christian Academy in Japan where she'll begin attending at the end of August. Please pray for her as she learns many important life skills as well as academic skills over these next five months. Also please pray for her feelings of loneliness as she misses her friends, as well as for patience and focus as she studies in both English and Japanese. Lastly, please pray for Lisa and Corey as we adjust to having less time for ourselves and the additional scheduling challenges stemming from our girls being in two different schools and Corey's travel schedule.

2) **Hope Chapel Tokorozawa...** Our church has gone through so much transition in the last twelve months. We're seeing so many of our American members return to the U.S. or otherwise relocate because of their jobs. We're challenged by the need to develop more people to help keep ministry flowing and not overworking ourselves or "the faithful few." Please pray with us for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the provision of more laborers for the harvest!

Praise Reports

THE TIMESETTERS OF HCKB Hope Chapel Kaneohe Bay sent a team of 50+ year old saints here to Tokorozawa for 10 days of "God-ordained" fun and encouragement! The men joined two men's mini-churches at a restaurant and Starbuck's; the team visited the Tokoro's (a nursing home built a year ago) after lunch hours located 10-minutes away by foot from the church to sing and dance for and with them, praying blessings on them and planting seeds in their hearts before leaving; celebrated Hawaii's culture with a "Hawaiian Fun" gathering allowing for testimonies of God's goodness, craft-making, eating "ono" food, dancing and teaching Christian hula, and singing worship songs/"lunch music" by the men. We also celebrated "church at the park" by worshipping under the cherry blossom trees. Many people were touched by the "aloha spirit" of this team! You can see some photos at www.hopetoko.org Thank you for remembering this team in prayer as well as their time here at Hope Toko! †

YAMAGUCHI JR. HIGH SCHOOL Thank you for your prayers for Lisa as she spent a few hours at this school with the 120 7th graders teaching them about Hawaii's culture and dancing with them to "Your Love Oh Lord." Lisa believes many precious seeds were planted in the hearts of these kids and one day, God will make each one grow in His perfect timing and way. It was an awesome sight to see all the kids dance to this song in the gym knowing His love really does reach to the heavens! †

WATER BAPTISM/BABY DEDICATION Ryoko, one of our HEART to HEART kids/Abba's Kids that just started 2nd grade was baptized on April 1st at our Saturday service. Her mother was saved and baptized two years ago when she started coming to our A Legacy of Love parenting seminars. She is now a volunteer staff person for our seminars, Refresh women's service, Abba's Kids Children's Church, and our Hearts-to-PRAY intercessory prayer group. God is good!! Ethan, a 3-month old boy was dedicated to the Lord at another Saturday service. Everyone prayed for him while he was in his mother's womb as there were some complications. God has brought him through safely during that challenging time! He is our help and our shield! †

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

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