



The Good News Letter

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"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

Prayer Requests

The Home Front

Kailie's school is running an early morning outreach to the homeless who live in Ikebukuro Train Station and our turn is on 2/2...Malia is concerned about her ability to enter her sister's school while still facing challenges with her time and focus in her Japanese elementary school...and Lisa and Corey will be challenged to make time together in the midst of home and ministry responsibilities, so we would all appreciate your prayers this month!

Hope Tokorozawa

We're learning that the condition of our church cannot only be measured in terms of offerings or attendance, and while we're seeing growth in individuals, MiniChurches, teams and youth, we're still down 40% in income compared to last year. Please pray with us as we thank and trust God.

Overseas Trips

Corey has eleven days of overseas travel in February in addition to several team gatherings, two training events as well as a couple of outings to help chaperone Kailie on school-related events. Please pray for him as he seeks to keep a rhythm of time with Lisa and Malia, too, work both in Japan and overseas as well as worship and rest

Praise Reports

WE APPRECIATE YOU! Thank you for all your kind words of comfort and support for our dad and granddad's passing. We appreciate all your prayers for us and for Lisa's mom and brother. Lisa's mom has found a Japanese-speaking church right on the bus line in Honolulu. She continues to grow in her faith, giving thanks to God for ALL He has done for us and for our dad/granddad. †

FIRST TIME IN 132 YEARS! The LORD had His way at Minami Elementary School located right behind our church. Lisa has been teaching English to the 1st grade classes with a Japanese teacher since last April. For the first time in the history of the school, the whole student body/staff of nearly 800 people watched a Christmas play of Jesus' birth in December 2006! The Holy Spirit moved mightily over Mrs. Shichiku, Lisa's partner in the classroom as she heard Lisa teach about the "real meaning of Christmas." This led Mrs. Shichiku to put together this play! Lisa played the part of Mary and Malia played the part of one of the wise men. The whole school sang "Silent Night"! Jesus was glorified! †

PARENTS-IN-PRAYER Lisa had been asked to lead the 7th grade parents for the Parents-in-Prayer ministry at Christian Academy of Japan where Kailie started last September. It has been a privilege to pray for the 7th graders/their teachers with the other parents. Please pray with us for the salvation of the students and parents that are not saved yet. Kailie has also joined the 7th grade prayer group that meets every Tuesday after lunch. Please pray that more students would join them and be a part of interceding for their classmates, teachers, and staff at CAJ. †

OUR SHORT-TERM MISSIONARY Laura Phipps, a Life Pacific University graduate just arrived here. She will be staying a couple of months to serve the LORD here with us at HopeToko! Laura is originally from Minnesota where her dad pastors a church. Please pray for her as she is involved in leading our new teen's class, singing worship at our Refresh service, teaching our HEART to HEART kids, and volunteering at Minami Elementary School in the 1st grade classes. †

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

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