



The Good News Letter

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"I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

Romans 1:17

Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving We've been blessed with the opportunity to serve Jesus through Hope Chapel Tokorozawa to be part of God's plan to bless Tokorozawa, Tokyo and Japan, and even through Yokota USAFB to bless men, women and their families who are serving in places like Iran and Afghanistan. Would you pray a prayer of thanksgiving with us for the opportunities and the relationships God has given us over these last fifteen years?

Women, Children and their Men, too. Sometimes living in a city of some 340,000 in greater metro region home to nearly 42 million people in this nation of 127,000,000 people where on any given Sunday maybe only about 500,000 people worship Jesus has been overwhelming. God has shown great favor with the women and children of this nation with His Gospel since WWII. But very few men have come to Christ. Would you pray with us that this changes this year in a tremendous, amazing, nation-changing way that MEN would come to Christ in Japan?

The Homefront Corey's already had 31 days of overseas work since January 1st this year on top of what he does here at Hope Tokorozawa and for the national church in Japan. Lisa has been greatly involved in going and making disciples of women and children in Tokorozawa and has again been asked to lead a workshop at Japan Foursquare's national convention to teach and encourage people to reach out through meeting the needs of women and the next generation to bring Jesus Christ to the Japanese. Kailie is learning to run our media presentations for our church services, and even Malia has been part of our worship team for year now. Would you please pray that we can continue to grow in our love for Jesus, for each other, and for the people God brings to us in our 16th year?

Praise Reports

MARCH 25th MAKES 15 YEARS! We are in awe of God as we stand here on Japanese soil marking 15 years here in Tokorozawa, Japan. We continue on into our 16th year and keep in our hearts, Jesus' words to the apostle Paul, *"I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."* (Acts 26: 17-18) Thank you for partnering with us for the millions of unsaved people here in Japan and North Asia as we work with the LORD for the souls of each one He loves so much. Your prayers, support, and care are a blessing to us and to the kingdom works being done here in this part of the world! †

MINAMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4th GRADERS Lisa was asked to teach a cultural lesson on Hawaii for the first time at this school – Kailie's alma mater and Malia's school. It was Valentine's Day so Lisa used it as God's divine opportunity to share about "love" and why we celebrate Valentine's Day. Laura Phipps, our short term missionary from Minnesota shared a brief testimony of how she was teased and bullied in school from 2nd grade all the way to high school and was able to overcome to be all God wants her to be when she realized she had the ability to live openly and freely in Christ after meeting persecuted pastors for living out their faith on Bible-carrying mission trips to China. All 122 4th graders grew very quiet (you could hear a pin drop in that room!) as Laura encouraged each child to be kind to one another and to be careful what we say and do to one another because one of us could get hurt. Lisa and Laura baked cupcakes for each child and included a Bible verse with a Valentine's Day card, *"Love your neighbors as yourself."* (Matthew 19:19) We believe many precious seeds were planted in the hearts of each child present along with their teachers. Thank you for your prayers! †

HEART to HEART We just finished our 5th year in this children's after school English Bible-based ministry that was birthed in 2002. Kaho, one of our 5th graders finished her last year with us as she is pursuing other interests this coming year. Her prayer request on the last day of class was, "I want to give thanks to God for the past five years of being in this class. Pray that I would always be near to God even if I no longer will be in HEART to HEART." Please pray with us for Kaho and the remaining kids in this ministry would continue to be equipped to be "a light in a dark place" as their words and deeds show the Father's love for their unsaved family members and friends. Whether new kids come to us or we go out to them, pray we would continue to impact our community through our lives for Christ! †

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

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