



# The Good News Letter

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*“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”*

*(Hebrews 11:6)*

## Prayer Requests

This July will be one of the busiest we've ever had. Corey will be traveling 20 days while Lisa will be helping to host a missions team, Kailie has a summer camp and Malia finishes out her spring semester at Minami Elementary. **Please pray for wisdom and protection over each and every one of us while we're together and apart.**

Consequently, Corey will also be missing 4 of 5 Sundays this month—a real test of our ability to raise up people who can do what we do—and with our summer vacation coming up, too, he'll actually miss 6 of the 9 Sundays in July & August! **Please pray for our worship teams, speakers, MiniChurch Leaders, Sunday School teachers, and all the other people who make our Thursday, Sunday and MiniChurches work!**

Lastly, **please pray for wisdom and understanding for us** as we return to Hawaii to check on our moms, make sure that they're doing well, and that **God would provide all that is needed for us in Japan and our moms in Honolulu.**

## Praise Reports

**STANDING ON THE BRINK OF BREAKTHROUGH** We just gave our annual financial report for Hope Toko at both of our celebration services at our women's Refresh service on Thursdays and our main gathering on Sundays. Corey was able to weave in a sermon to communicate God's heart for the people of Hope Toko, standing on top of a high slope in fear for the first time, ready to ride down on his snowboard. Once he took off that slope ten years ago, it has been lots of fun ever since! Our present reality is Hope Toko cannot support both a pastor's salary and ministry works. Corey's salary was cut by 84% and overseas offerings to support church planting has been cut by 55%. We currently have 16 mini-churches and 2 in the making. There are 100 people involved in mini-church. We are praying God would move the hearts of each member through the power of the Holy Spirit. Will you pray with us? †

**MOTHER'S DAY WATER BAPTISM** Shizue and Hinako, mother and daughter just got baptized last week on Mother's Day! Shizue gave her heart to Jesus almost two years ago. She came to Hope Toko through her old college friend, Tomoko (one of our translators) and has made the decision to move forward in her faith despite having to “follow through on Buddhist rituals” her in-laws practice every year. Her husband has given his approval for both Shizue's and Hinako's decisions. Please remember her husband, her other two children, and her in-laws for their salvation. Pray Shizue and Hinako will be used mightily in their household, school, and community in Machida (almost 2 hours away by car from Tokorozawa). †

**UNCLE TOM AND AUNTY MAILE** We were thrilled to have Corey's uncle and aunt take the time out of their busy tour schedule of China and Japan to visit us here at Hope Toko for our Sunday service. Tom and Maile Tamura have been used by God to reach out to Corey when he was a college student in California. They have been instrumental in Corey's faith journey as he was able to see God's love through their lives to help him make a decision for Christ a few years later. We are truly grateful for their prayerful support and encouragement over the past 15 years! †

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

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