



# The Good News Letter

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*“And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God.”*

*(1 Peter 3: 21)*

## Prayer Requests

**Travel** July is a very busy travel month. Corey will be in Mongolia ten days, home for a week and then in Israel for another 11 days before heading to Honolulu to join Lisa, Kailie, Malia, the moms/grandmas and friends for some R&R. Please pray for our travel in this busy summer season—for seating, safety, health and provision.

**HopeToko** Because of all the travel our church teams are going to be very pressed to fill in all that gaps and deal with the expectations of the congregation — guest speakers, translators, worship leaders, Sunday school (Abbas Kids) teachers, MiniChurch pastors and all those other little jobs that usually don't get noticed! Please pray with us for God's hand of blessing and growth upon each and every one of our faithful people!

**Family** Last and not least to us, please pray for our time together at home: that we would be able to get a clear idea of how best to love and help our family members, for times of refreshing as a couple, as a family, as children of God and with friends, and that we can safely enjoy those things that cannot be enjoyed here in Tokorozawa but only in Hawai'i!

## Praise Reports

**FATHER'S DAY BAPTISMS** Two of our Abba's Kids and another woman that just gave her heart to Jesus last month got baptized on Father's Day! For Naomi and Haruka, their families prayed for them and are helping to raise them in the ways of the LORD. Misako now realizes God was pursuing her from her elementary years when her friend would invite her to Sunday school every week. God placed an elderly woman in her neighborhood that constantly invited her over for tea to share about His goodness with her. Corey and Lisa got to share their faith with Misako as they teamed up to help run the last leg of the relay as the baton was passed from the LORD to team with Him so she could pray to receive Jesus as her LORD and Savior! Please pray for these three daughters of God as they move forward in their faith by staying close to Jesus. †

**GOD IS OUR MAKER** Last month, Dr. Hugh Ross, a Christian astrophysicist spoke at our Sunday service and followed-up with a seminar for unbelievers. He defends the Bible on creationism and draws scientific facts from the Word to prove his points. He uses his website, books, lectures, seminars, and hotline as a platform to share the gospel all over the world. An atheist club attended his seminar and the president of the club stood up and asked him, “What must I do to avoid God's judgment?” Dr. Ross led the president to the LORD right there in front of his atheist club. Dr. Ross' passion is to bring the truth through science and the Word to those that do not know Jesus yet. †

**A LEGACY OF LOVE #50** We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> (!) parenting seminar this month! It was a very special, moving celebration as Kelvin Sakumoto, originally from Hawaii, honored his wife, Atsuko who left a legacy of love to her two children, Yuka (20) and Kevin (15) after battling with breast cancer for 10 years, being diagnosed at the age of 36. She went home to be with the LORD almost one year ago. Kelvin helped us get to know Atsuko through a video montage of her life from her toddler years to celebrating her life at her funeral. He gave a riveting testimony of God's great love for Atsuko, his two children and for himself. God confirmed through this seminar, how we are to continue to labor with Him through our A Legacy of Love seminars to develop meaningful relationships with the moms, equip them in marriage and parenting, and prayerfully help lead unsaved mothers to repentance unto salvation through the hearing of God's amazing love through the testimonies of our monthly speakers. †

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

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