



The Good News Letter

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"He was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole family."

(Acts 16:34)

Prayer Requests

Baptized believers will grow in Christ

We will have baptized 6 people altogether in January. Last year in 2007, we baptized a total of 12 people. Pray God would multiply that number this year and help each person to grow strong in their faith and become effective witnesses/mentors for Christ too.

Praise Reports

FIRST BAPTISM OF 2008 On the first Sunday of this year, we baptized four people! Mr. Sawada had been seeking the LORD for a while and came to our church during the week in pouring rain last year to talk to Corey but he did not make a decision for Christ yet. His wife, Alejandra, had been coming to our women's Refresh Service with one of our Spanish-speaking women, Xiomara. Alejandra and her mother Sylvia gave their hearts to Jesus at our Avalanche Ranch vacation Bible school last summer and their son and grandson, Tsuyoshi shortly after that. On the last Sunday of 2007, Mr. Sawada came to church with his family. As Lisa spoke to Alejandra about getting baptized, Lisa told Alejandra to get permission from her husband. He was standing right there listening to the conversation and wholeheartedly supported her. Alejandra's mother, Sylvia, was returning to her hometown in Wakayama the day after the 1st Sunday in January so she decided to get baptized that first Sunday with her daughter. The week leading up to the baptism, Lisa received an e-mail from Xiomara saying Mr. Sawada and Tsuyoshi wanted to get baptized also along with Sylvia and

Alejandra! Mr. Sawada gave a moving testimony of his commitment to do his best to follow Christ. It was an amazing day as God was truly glorified! God has been using Xiomara as she translates our sermon outlines into Spanish and interprets for her Spanish-speaking friends at our services. †

GOD-MAN-GATHERING We had our first combined—Japanese and foreigners—men's retreat just before the end of the year. We only had 8 guys (in case you're wondering, only two were foreigners!) stay all day, but had a great time of sharing testimonies, got to share in the burning of one gentleman's idols, and discovered that there really is something manly about following Jesus Christ! †

WALL OF HONOR Kailie's school, Christian Academy in Japan, honors the Middle School kids by allowing the students to nominate one another for different categories. Several nominations are needed and the teacher needs to approve the nominations. Kailie's handprint is on the wall this year for "Endurance". She is serving the student council as the 8th grade class representative by attending weekly meetings and planning and serving at various school events. She is embracing her role and learning to manage her time better this year. With a very challenging homework/project load and high test standards, this school prepares the kids for college but most importantly, they work hard to equip the kids to impact the world for Christ! †

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

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