



The Good News Letter

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"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

(Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

Prayer Requests

**Please pray for more laborers to help lead MiniChurches and disciple our newly baptized believers in Japanese, Spanish and English.

**Please pray for Lisa and Corey as they continue to seek a balance of work and rest with their many roles and responsibilities in church, the community and overseas.

**Please pray for our family's health in this coldest month of the year with new strains of influenza beginning to appear in Japan.

Praise Reports

HOMELESS OUTREACH Kailie and her classmates at Christian Academy in Japan visited Ikebukuro Station located near the center of Tokyo and a nearby park to pass out meals, hot drinks, warmers, scarves, gloves, and hats to the homeless people. CAJ's Middle School students spent the first two weeks this month reaching out to the homeless as each homeroom took one morning to meet their class at 6:15 in the morning at the station so they could pass out the meals along with a tract included about Jesus' love for them before the homeless are asked to leave the station at 7:00 by the station managers. Each student bowed in respect before giving each person their meal. This year, Kailie and a few of her friends went to a nearby park where there was a family of homeless women living in a tent. Kailie got to give one of her three meals to a very grateful woman who thanked her profusely. When the Middle school students graduate and enter High School, some of them continue this ministry of feeding and giving clothing to the homeless people at Ikebukuro Station. †

TWO MORE BAPTISMS! In January, we baptized six (!) people! In 2007, we baptized twelve people. We are in awe of what God is doing as we have had half of last year's number in the first month of the 2008 year! There are a couple of more people who are prayerfully considering getting baptized soon. Please pray for Hiro, Naoko, Yuuka, and Yumiko. Please continue praying for those six people that were baptized: Mr. Sawada, Alejandra, Tsuyoshi, Sylvia, Madoka, and Takasaki-kun to grow strong in their faith as they walk closely with Jesus. †

REACHING JAPANESE FOR CHRIST Corey will be attending the Reaching Japanese for Christ conference in Seattle as he translates for Japanese pastors into English and leads two workshops. He will be leading a couple of ministers from Japan on this trip. There are half a million Japanese people staying in the United States every year. This ministry has a passion to reach these Japanese people for Christ and to help them stay connected to a church/fellowship in Japan when they return. †

GOD IS LOVE Lisa got to teach a Valentine's Day lesson at Minami Elementary School to the 120 2nd graders she teaches to every Monday. Lisa used the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors football team as an example of loving one another, win or lose and giving God the glory for their amazing success of a 12-0 season and a chance to play in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day. She also read the story of the real reason we celebrate Valentine's Day through a picture story book of St. Valentine. The Japanese celebrate Valentine's Day by women giving chocolates to men on February 14th and on Mar. 14th called White Day, men "give back" a gift of chocolates to women that gave them chocolates. †

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

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