



# The Good News Letter

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*"I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."*

*(Psalm 9:1-2)*

## Prayer Requests

**Traveling Mercies...**God totally protected Corey when a propane gas camp stove nearly exploded, covering his arm in flame as he turned it on—singing a little bit of hair from his hand as he turned it off, but leaving him with **no other injury at all!** Praise God for His mercy and protection! Please ask for traveling mercies over us as Corey travels to Taiwan and South Korea, and as our family goes to a missionary retreat and the U.S. Foursquare Convention in Houston before Corey goes on to L.A.

**Please pray for our next generation of leadership here at Hope Tokorozawa.** Because of Corey's travel a number of new worship leaders and speakers are getting their chance, but between May and August, Corey is scheduled to miss ten Sundays (10 of 18!) and that is quite a stretch for a number of our new leaders! Please join us in asking for God's Spirit of grace and help to fill and use these folks!

her schedule with student council, track, and studies. On Sundays, she helps with the power point during worship. Thank you for praying for our girls! †

**COREY & LISA** We continue to seek Him in all He has entrusted us with in the many different ministries. It's so encouraging to see the fruits of our labor with our very own eyes. We are challenged to remain focused on hearing His voice in everything we do as we continue to labor with Him in Japan and throughout North Asia. By His grace, we are helping equip those He puts around us on our ministry teams as we look forward to see the next generation and others after that being raised up for Christ! †

## Praise Reports

**OUR 17<sup>th</sup> YEAR!** On March 25<sup>th</sup>, we made 16 (!) years here in Tokorozawa, Japan! We are now on our 17<sup>th</sup> year here at Hope Toko. We had been married only 9 months when we first moved here. We were married only 3 months when God called us here to pastor Hope Chapel Tokorozawa. Kailie and Malia were both made and born in Japan. We survived the initial calling on our lives with separation of loved ones from Hawaii, climate change, cultural and language challenges, and financial hardships. We are so grateful for your prayers which have sustained us and continue to be much appreciated. We are not only surviving where God has placed us - we are thriving in His goodness, loving kindness and great mercies! †

**MALIA'S LAST YEAR** Malia is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader now at her Japanese public school, Minami Elementary. The new academic year started this month. She is currently an announcer during lunch recess as she speaks through the PA system to communicate the school news to the student body a few times a week. Her club choice for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row is drama! She continues to sing on the worship team on Sundays. Lisa was asked to teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year for English so she will get to teach Malia's class once a week. God has given Lisa the opportunity to clean and transform the newly located classroom on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Her teaching partner has given her permission to basically do whatever she wants to do! The new principal has also encouraged Lisa to do as she pleases in setting-up the classroom. Majority of teachers in Japan have no spare time to set-up or decorate their classrooms. When you enter the English room, you are entering "a different world". We will share photos with you in our next newsletter of His grace and favor. †

**KAILIE'S GRADUATING!** Kailie will be graduating Middle School in June! She is currently finishing up the school year with track and many tests and projects due. Kailie ran yesterday at Yokota Air Base for the Middle School track meet. She participated in the 100 meter, 4x100 relay (she was the anchor!), and long jump. She had the longest jump in the midst of the rain that came down halfway through the meet. Overall, she did so well! We are so proud of her! She continues to juggle

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

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