

Notes from Jim and Hydi

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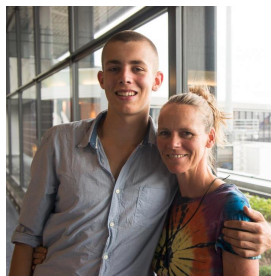
Dear Partners in Ministry,

It's been longer than we hoped since our last newsletter. So much has happened and we are eager to share this update with all of you.

Separate Trips, Same Journey

Our unconventional home assignment

Hydi and Eli headed to the U.S. on June 13th. Spending the summer in the U.S. meant some great opportunities for Eli to play basketball at a level not available here in Japan. It also gave Hydi the chance to attend her 30th H.S. reunion, which was held in Irvine, CA at the end of July. Meanwhile Jim is still in Japan since his teaching at the Covenant Seminary doesn't end until the semester break in late September. Fortunately our daughter Kendra is also in Japan until late August when she heads to San Diego for her first year of college, and our son Miles is home for the summer as well, having completed his second year of college in Gunnison, CO.



Hydi and Eli leaving for the U.S.

This is the longest we (Hydi and Jim) have ever been apart but are thankful for the company of our kids, and the convenience of Skype!

Connecting with our Supporters

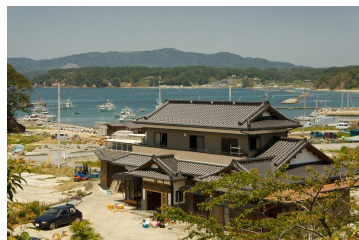
Home Assignment Plans

Hydi has already had the opportunity to get started on itineration, visiting Covenant churches in Colorado and spending a week at the Covenant Heights camp site in Estes Park. She was also able to visit the Mount Miguel Covenant Village in San Diego and give a report on the work in Japan. As soon as Jim arrives in the U.S. he will begin visiting as many churches as possible between the months of October and March. Our desire is to connect with all of you because your prayers and gifts are a crucial part of this ministry and we want you to know how God is answering those prayers and using your gifts. We will try to contact all of our supporting churches in the very near future but if you are interested in connecting with us and don't hear from us please drop us a line and let us know how we can connect.

Tohoku Ministries

Relief and Community Building

Jim and fellow Covenant missionary Tim Johnson led a team of volunteers from the U.S. to Tohoku at the end of June and beginning of July. The first several days were spent doing physical labor, repairing homes that were partially damaged. The rest of our time was focused on residents of the government supplied temporary housing units. These are people who lost their homes, were relocated and now live in quickly constructed clusters of prefabricated homes. They often feel lonely, uprooted and uncertain about the future. Our volunteers have been able to reach out to these disaster victims in a wide variety of ministries and we are continually amazed at how open they are to just about any form of care. Every form of care we offer is given in the name of Jesus Christ and for the purpose of sharing the love of Christ with those who need it most.



Home Repairs: Tsunami waters covered all but the 2nd story roof

Preaching Ministries

In the midst of trying to carve out a bit of summer vacation time with the kids Jim has continued to preach at a number of local churches. Many of them are small, struggling churches with less than twenty members. Please pray that they will be encouraged and empowered by God's word.

Family Events

In early June we celebrated with our daughter Kendra as she graduated from high school. Even though it sounds hopelessly cliche, it's



Kendra's H.S. Graduation

hard to believe that our little girl is heading off to college in a few weeks! She will be attending Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, CA and is interested in studying dietetics, although not yet committed to a specific major yet. She leaves Japan and flies to CA on August 23.

Miles has completed his second year of college at Western State College in Gunnison, CO and continues to enjoy his studies in biology as well as the great fishing, skiing, hunting and hiking of the high Rockies. He will fly back to Colorado in late August as well.

Eli is going into the 11th grade and will do his Jr. year in Colorado Springs at Doherty High School, where his brother and sister attended four years ago, and then return with us to Tokyo for his senior year at the Christian Academy.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We value your partnership in ministry. For prayer requests that are updated monthly please [check here](#).

Sincerely,

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