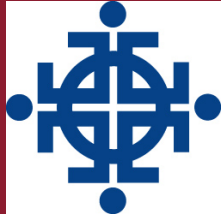


Notes from Jim and Hydi

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

The summer camping season at Akagi Bible Camp came to an end, as did the semester at Covenant Seminary, and now we are in the U.S. for six months, hoping to connect in person with as many of you as possible.

Summer Camping Recap

Akagi Bible Camp

This summer we hosted four camps in July, five in August and one in September. This was a modest increase from our first season at Akagi Bible Camp but the biggest growth was in spring and early summer. We had two groups in April, two in May and two in June. Living onsite was the key to this growth and we pray for increased use of the facility throughout the year.



Young Family Camp

Sports Ministries

In August and September Hydi had two opportunities to represent Gunma Prefecture (our home) in a national masters tournament and a regional tournament. She also joined friends on two big mountain climbs. On our last full day at Akagi Hydi joined other local residents serving hot soup to over 3,000 contestants in the annual Akagi Hill Climb, a bike race up the grueling seventy five hairpin turns that lead to the top of Mt. Akagi. Jim was helping out as a photographer near the finish line.



Hydi and friends at the regional tennis tournament



Climbing Mt. Hiuchi

Covenant Seminary

Preparing the next generation of church leaders

Jim's classes are both offered in the first semester which goes from April thru September. His last class was 4 days before we left for the U.S. and he is still grading papers as this is being written. It was a great semester with a group of very sharp seminarians who are preparing to serve as church leaders or missionaries.



A group of very gifted up and coming preachers enjoying a pizza lunch!

Time in the U.S.

We arrived in Colorado on September 28th and will be here for six months. During that time we hope to visit you, our partners in ministry and share the exciting news of how God is answering your prayers and using your offerings to build the Kingdom in Japan. Please expect to hear from us soon, or just contact us first so we can make plans for a visit!



Hydi and her sisters in Colorado

Family News

During these six months in Colorado we are living with Hydi's parents as we have in the past. Hydi's mother, Edith Buss, is currently undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma so we ask for your prayers during this challenging

and exhausting process. We are so thankful for the opportunity to spend this time with them.



Hydi's family

Eli is in his second year at Utah Valley University studying emergency administration and Kendra is in her final year at Pt. Loma Nazarene University in San Diego studying social work and women's studies. The big surprise for us was Miles. In our last letter we told you about his engagement and plans for graduate school in Mississippi. Well, the engagement changed to getting married! (full wedding ceremonies planned for next summer). And graduate school has been put on hold for the time being as Miles decided he really wanted to stay in Japan and spend more time working in the mountains as a climbing and skiing guide. While the sudden change took us by surprise, we are thrilled to have him in Japan (except for the next six months while we are in the U.S.) and we are very happy to have a new daughter in law, Miho! Please keep them in your prayers.

Giving Thanks

In our last letter we made a special appeal for funds to cover unexpected expenses related to a big plumbing job at our house at Akagi Bible Camp. We were thrilled to receive notice of \$1,500 given by faithful readers in response to that appeal. Thank you so very much! As we look toward the future we are assured that our house will continue to serve as a sound base for ministry. At the same time, our support level for the past year dropped below 75% so we are continuing to pray that God will put it upon people's hearts to join our team as regular supporters of the work in Japan thru prayer and giving. All that we do is held up by those prayers and gifts so we offer our thanks and humbly ask you to continue lifting us up.

Thank you for your thoughts, your prayers and your gifts. We treasure our partnership with you and hope to connect with you in person soon.

In Christ,

Jim and Hydi Peterson

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