

Notes From Jim & Hydi

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Dear Partners in Ministry

Greetings from Mt. Akagi. We deeply appreciate your ongoing prayers and support. The new year has begun and we are excited for all that 2019 promises as we continue the work of the Kingdom here in Japan.

Camp Ministries

Winter is the quiet season at Akagi Bible Camp. Our last group was in late November and the next camping season will start in late April. But in the mean time we are doing lots of renovation work with the funds received from the ECC 2017 summer camp offering. In the fall we were able to get new floors installed in the main lounge and dining room. In the next couple months we hope to make progress on new siding for the walls in those rooms. And then in April we hope to install new windows with the help of some volunteers from the U.S.



In September our Japan Covenant pastors enjoyed a ministerium retreat at Akagi Bible Camp.



A few volunteers using their super-powers to lay the new flooring in the main lounge



The finished product

Gathering With Asia Missionaries

In October we had the privilege of travelling to Thailand where we spent several days in retreat, fellowship and worship with Covenant missionaries serving throughout Asia. It was encouraging, refreshing and inspirational to share this particular slice of God's work in Asia.





A happy group



We even got to enjoy a little beach time!

Sports Ministries

This winter Hydi has been spending quite a bit of time in Tokyo, officiating high school basketball games in the international school/U.S. military school league. This past week she was at the American School in Japan for the Kanto Classic High School Tournament where she officiated 21 games for boys and girls teams from all over

Japan, Korea and Guam. It was a joy for her to run the court with these young athletes and to work alongside her officiating teammates. This year she was the only civilian, the only Caucasian and the only female official!



Hydi also had the privilege of interpreting for Gediminas Grinius, a world class ultra trail runner from Lithuania who was presenting running workshops in Japan.



Playing in tennis tournaments and climbing mountains with friends continues to bring many opportunities to spend time with Japanese athletes. In tennis, Hydi's national singles ranking for her age group has climbed to an all time high of #20, and she was also able to summit her 20th of the "100 Famous Mountains of Japan". Thanks to God for injury free months and incredible opportunities to play and serve Him in unusual places.



Family News

Hydi went to Colorado for Christmas to spend time with her father who is at a memory care facility. She was able to spend a few hours with him everyday for close to two weeks and noticed that his memory was often stimulated by their time together. She described her time with him as "hard, but good". His dementia continues to progress but otherwise he is quite healthy.



Jim stayed in Japan for Christmas and celebrated with our son Miles and his family. Our grandson Gen is already nine months old and is such a joy to watch as he grows and learns so much, so fast. Miles and Miho were able to get his U.S. passport recently, at which time they had to finally make up their minds choosing a middle name for him. They chose "Sieg" in honor of Hydi's dad, Siegfried!



Gen's first time sledding!

Special Request

In our last newsletter we asked for your help in funding the purchase of a new (to us) car to replace our aged and worn-out second car. We were blessed with generous gifts from several individuals and churches and were able to get the car we had hoped for. It is a small jeep and with 4WD it is perfect here in the snowy mountains. Our ministries depends on lots of transportation, and this car is a huge help. Thank you very much for your generous help.



In Christ,
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