

Notes From Jim & Hydi

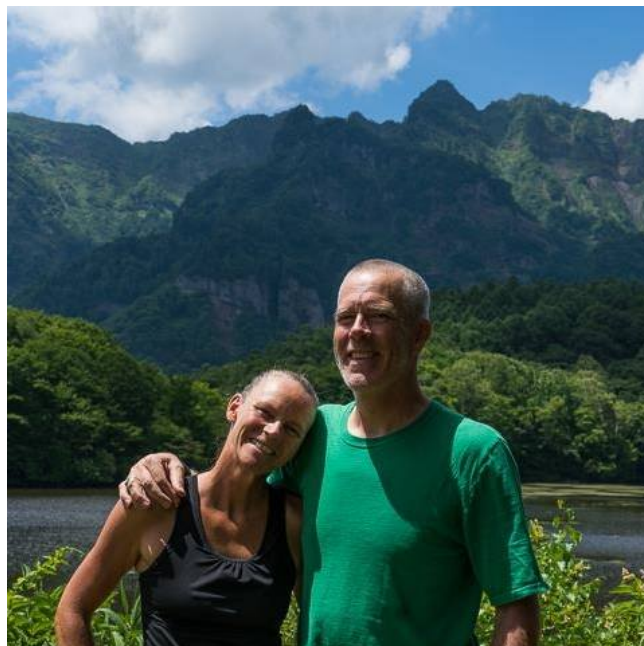
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Dear Partners in Ministry

Greetings from Mt. Akagi. We deeply appreciate your ongoing prayers and support. It's been too long since our last update but we are doing well and want to share some of our recent experiences and prayer requests with you.

Camp Ministries

Our camping season here at Akagi Bible Camp is winding down with only two or three more groups left on the calendar. It was another rich summer with more groups than ever before using the facility. In total we will have hosted just over 500 campers by the end of November. Our sleeping capacity is 45 but for our Covenant family camp we had over 60 campers and were forced to get creative! We like those kinds of problems!!



Covenant Family Camp



This was our first year to officially host more than one group at a time at camp. It happened successfully a few times this summer! We were also blessed with wonderful co-workers again this season as well as incredibly hard working volunteers.



Volunteer staff helping with dinner preparations. Yes, we are in Japan- so fish, rice and fresh vegetables. We are so grateful that we had just the right staff to make each and every camp this summer possible.

Please pray with us as we begin renovations at camp this fall- for wisdom, safety and the help we need.

Covenant Seminary

The Japanese school year begins in April. That means the first semester has just concluded at the Covenant Seminary where Jim teaches a preaching class and a church history class focused on pietism. It was a great semester and Jim was blessed with a very sharp group of students in both classes. The Covenant Seminary is primarily a commuter school and offers daytime and night classes, making it ideal for working people. The result is a very diverse student body. Ages range from early twenties to mid-seventies! Men, women, Japanese, foreigners, professionals, full-time students, young, middle and old... But what makes it most fulfilling for Jim is the opportunity to have a small part in preparing this diverse group of students for future leadership roles in the church!



Jim's preaching class



The Pietism class

Sports Ministries

Camping season takes up most of our time from May to October but Hydi is always grateful for the chance to come down the mountain and be involved in other opportunities. This summer she was involved in a number of

trail running races- including being a volunteer sweeper and translator for a 73km trail run in Gunma and an Asia Masters trail run in Niigata prefecture.

Thank you so much for your prayers for the tennis outreach trip with 7 Japanese ladies to Arizona and California in March. It was a wonderful trip in so many ways and more ladies want to go in 2019! Please pray with us that once again it will be more than just a trip to play tennis in the USA, but a chance for them to meet Jesus!



Volunteering at this trail race for my 5th time



Interpreting for the guest runner from France and race director on local TV!



Winners! Mixed doubles champions at the Yokohama International Tennis Tournament



Family News

In our last news letter we talked about having Hydi's dad, Siegfried, live with us here in Japan as he dealt with advancing dementia. After almost two and a half months we made the decision to take him back to the U.S. since it was impossible to get a visa for him to stay in Japan and we felt his condition was getting beyond what we could handle. At the beginning of March we took him back and now he is settled in a new living situation at a memory care facility in Colorado. We are grateful for the time we were able to spend together in Japan last winter and miss him very much but are so thankful for the good care he is receiving. Hydi's sister lives near by and is able to visit often.



Our grandson, Genryu Sieg Mizuno Peterson was born in April to our oldest child, Miles and his wife, Miho! He is adorable and we are enjoying our new role. We thank God for his safe arrival and healthy growth.



The other family highlight was welcoming Mandi into our family in July. Eli meet Mandi while they were in university together in Utah. It was a beautiful wedding and Jim was able to officiate. It was our first time to meet Mand's family and they were great fun! We pray God's blessing on this new family.





Special Request

One of the challenges of living on a mountaintop is that we do a lot of driving. Even things like the gas station, post office, supermarket and convenience store all require a thirty minute drive down the mountain. Given our active and diverse ministry opportunities, we end up needing two cars. Our second car has reached the end of the road and we are needing to replace it by December, when the current tags expire. Automobiles are not a part of our normal mission budget so we are asking if you might consider making a one time designated gift for our automobile fund. We are looking for another used, small car and our fund raising goal is \$5,000. All gifts need to be processed thru the Serve Globally Department of the Evangelical Church, and simply need to be noted as a designated gift for the Peterson automobile fund.

In Christ,
Jim and Hydi Peterson



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