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Dear Partners in Ministry,

It has been too long since our last newsletter. That was back in April, in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami. A great deal has happened since then and we hope you have been able to keep up with the reports we've made through our [Covenant blog](#). Nevertheless we offer our sincere apologies for the lack of newsletters.

The mass media has long since moved on and practically forgotten about the tsunami but we want to ask you to continue praying. Many people are still living in temporary government housing. Loss of loved ones, home and property, and employment are huge blows that no one can forget about easily. Our Covenant relief teams continue to make trips to the area and we praise God for the incredible work he is doing in the midst of all that pain and hurt. Jim has posted a lot of [photos of the relief work here](#).

As you can see from the photo above, Miles came home for summer break and we enjoyed a bit of relaxing family time interspersed with lots of ongoing ministry stuff. In early July we hosted a team from Rolling Hills Covenant Church and served with them in the disaster area. All through the summer Hydi continued her tennis outreach, playing in numerous tournaments. Jim had a busy preaching and teaching schedule through the end of July, usually in a different church each Sunday, and also leading several training seminars in local churches for lay preachers.

This fall Hydi has returned to teaching and coaching at CAJ and Jim has resumed his teaching at the Covenant Seminary. The kids are back in school and sports where Kendra is finishing her senior year and Eli is a sophomore. Miles is in his second year of college at

Western State College (Gunnison, CO).

Jim is on staff at Grace Mission Church, a very small Covenant congregation in Tokyo and recently they held a special concert and it was a great success. The performers were a family from another one of our Covenant churches in Tokyo and we welcomed a crowd of about thirty people, which was a very tight squeeze considering that the sanctuary is essentially a single living room. You can see some [photos from the concert here](#). Now we are planning for Christmas events at church and plan to go out caroling in the neighborhood around the church on the evening of the 25th as a part of our Christmas celebration.

Hydi has continued to find time for sports ministries while teaching part-time, and recently was selected to represent Gunma Prefecture in a regional tournament and even made it into the local paper! Of course, our prayer and heartfelt desire is that all of the glory go to God. Hydi continues to find this part of her ministry to be full of opportunities to share the good news with people who might otherwise have very little interest.

Your prayers and support mean a great deal to us. God is at work in Japan and we feel blessed to have a small role in that greater work. But we could never do it alone and so we thank you for your partnership.

In Christ,

Jim, Hydi, Miles, Kendra and Eli Peterson

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