

Notes from Jim and Hydi

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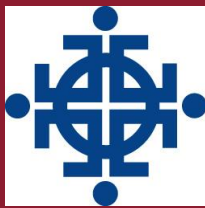
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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Please accept our sincere apology for the delay in getting this newsletter to you. We had some technical hiccups during the transition to a new group mail system but hope you like the new look. We hope to do a better job staying in contact with you during the coming months.

One Year Later

Reflecting on Recovery from Disaster

March 11, 2011 is a day we will never forget. The earthquake and tsunami impacted our lives, our ministry, and the entire nation of Japan. The journey since then has been painful and heart wrenching,



but also profoundly encouraging and inspiring. God is at work in mighty ways and we continue to marvel and praise God. See the April issue of Covenant Companion for an article by Jim reflecting on the past year. Please pray for the victims and for the work that God is doing in Tohoku. We continue to send volunteers and go there ourselves on a regular basis and need your prayers. Also please follow [our blog](#) for daily updates whenever Jim is in the disaster region doing ministry.

The Harvest is Great!

Training the workers

The Covenant seminary in Tokyo just celebrated their 59th annual graduation ceremony. It was bitter sweet for some because last year's graduation was cancelled due to the disaster. But this year we celebrated with twelve graduates who are heading into their respective ministries. The good



news is that we will be welcoming fifteen new students when the new school year begins in April. That will bring the total enrollment to seventy! Jim will once again be teaching a homiletics class and a church history class in the new semester. Please pray that God will uniquely enable these seminarians to prepare for effective ministries within the Japanese church.

Running the Race

Hydi's Sports Ministries

Hydi continues to reach out to many in the name of Christ through sports. She teaches physical education at the Christian Academy, she is currently one of the track and field coaches, she plays in frequent



tennis tournaments and is training for her first full length marathon which she hopes to run on April 15th in Nagano. Please pray that God will use Hydi's love for sports as means to share the love of Christ with many others.

Heading to the U.S.

Home Assignment and family news

In the coming months our family will be on the move. Hydi and Eli will be heading to the U.S. in June for one year. Home will be in Colorado Springs and the summer schedule is already filling up with basketball camps and tournaments for Eli. Jim will stay in Japan until late September when the first term at the Covenant Seminary concludes and then join Hydi and Eli in Colorado for six months. But then in late March Jim will need to return to Japan ahead of the others to resume teaching at the Seminary. Hydi will stay in Colorado while Eli finishes his junior year there, returning to Japan in June.

We hope to connect with as many of you as possible during our time in the U.S. and will soon begin to make actual travel arrangements. Please let us know how best we can connect with you and your church during this time.

On the family front Kendra will be graduating from high school at the Christian Academy in Japan this June. Some time in August she will head to the U.S. for college but still hasn't made a final decision on schools. Miles plans to come home again for the summer after completing his second year at Western State College of Colorado. Eli is wrapping up his sophomore 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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