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Summer's gone

It seems like just a few weeks ago that we were reporting to you of our move to Tokyo. Although the summer heat remains here, our daily schedules remind us that summer is over. After a hectic move in April and May, and a brief 3 months at Christian Academy (CAJ) for Hydi and the kids, it was summer vacation. Bible camps and sports camps filled the kids' days in June. We were also able to get away to the fresh mountain air and cool waters of Lake Nojiri in Nagano prefecture for a few weeks to recharge our spirits. Now we are back in Tokyo where school has begun for Hydi and the kids. In a few weeks Jim will begin teaching at the Covenant Seminary again for the fall and winter term.

A tragic loss

On August 4th our friends and partners in ministry, Tim and Andrea Johnson lost their 8 year old daughter, Karisa, to a very sudden and rare viral infection of the heart. She was sick for only a few days and the true nature of her illness was only diagnosed hours before she was called to be with the Lord.

Please pray for the Johnson family as they grieve the loss of dear Karisa. They are presently in the U.S. for a 3 month home assignment and hope to return to Gunma in November.

Ministry News

In June we held the annual Kids' English Camp at the Covenant facility, Akagi Bible Camp, in Gunma. It was well attended and we trust that the seeds of truth were sown in the hearts of many kids.

At the end of July we participated in the English Camp for all ages. We welcomed a team from the Covenant church, Great Exchange, and they served as staff at English Camp.

Another highlight in July was the 2004 Gospel Summer Stage event in Gunma. The Gospel Choir from our church organized the event which saw about 15 different gospel choirs from all over Gunma participate. The closing act was a professional group from Tokyo. Over 600 people attended!

Upcoming Events

By the time you read this the next event will have already taken place. On September 4th and 5th Hydi will be taking the CAJ girls and boys tennis teams that she coaches to Gunma for a weekend of tennis and ministry. They will have a friendly match against a local Japanese high school team and lessons from some local teaching

pros on Saturday. Then on Sunday they will host an event for local kids at the park including tennis, games and friendship evangelism. After that they will attend the afternoon worship service at the Yoshioka church.

This fall our music program will include another 3 month session of the kids' Gospel choir, leading up to several year end performances.

The English Conversation classes at church are continuing in our absence. Two very capable young women in our church have taken them over and are doing a great job.

Early November will mark the beginning of the second semester at the Covenant Seminary. Jim will be teaching "Homiletics" and "Pietism" again.

Address Changes

Once again, just in case you missed it last time, our postal address, email address and web site address have all changed. Please make a note of these changes.

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Family Matters

Please remember Jim's parents, Leonard and Grace Peterson, in your prayers. Leonard is suffering Alzheimer's and it is progressing rapidly. Jim will be making a quick trip to San Diego to be with them at the end of this month. Pray for peace and grace during this difficult time.

Prayer Requests

- Please remember the Johnson family as they grieve the loss of Karisa
- Please pray for Hydi as she teaches P.E. and Health and coaches tennis; that she would be strengthened and that her students would be blessed
- Please pray for the music ministry in Yoshioka
- Please pray for Jim as he teaches and pastors
- Please pray for our kids as they adjust to school in English at CAJ

With Thanks!

We praise God for your faithful prayers and generous support. We are blessed to be a part of your team.

In Christ,
Jim, Hydi, Miles, Kendra & Eli