

Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

Greetings from Tokyo, where sunny days and cool evenings remind us that colder months are just around the corner. It has been a while since our last letter but we want to keep you updated on our ministries because we really do appreciate your faithful prayers and generous offerings.

This fall has been a time of getting resettled. We packed our bags in Colorado Springs and left on July 6th. Well, actually we were supposed to leave on the 6th but got delayed by Rocky Mountain thunderstorms and almost didn't get out at all. After a very brief visit with Jim's mother and sisters in San Diego we made our next stop in Hawaii. Although we've flown across the Pacific numerous times, it was the first time our family had made the stop part-way across. We spent a week visiting with friends on the North Shore of Oahu and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!

Then we completed our ocean crossing and landed in Japan on July 16th minus Kendra who stayed on in Hawaii for another couple weeks to attend volleyball camp with friends from her school here in Tokyo. We were warmly welcomed back to Japan by our Covenant missionary co-workers and began the monumental task of getting our stuff out of storage and moved into a new home. After a week or so we decided to take a little bit of time up in the mountains of Nagano since the heat and humidity of Tokyo in August can be rather overwhelming!

As soon as we got back Hydi went back to work at the Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ) where she is teaching physical education and coaching. The kids followed a week later and were happy to be reunited with many old friends they hadn't seen for a year. All along we continued the seemingly never ending process of retrieving boxes from storage, bringing them to the house, unpacking them, and trying to figure out how in the world all this stuff is ever going to fit into our home! Fall sports took a lot of time for Hydi and all three kids. Hydi was the varsity girls tennis coach. Miles played on the boys tennis team, Kendra on the girls volleyball team, and Eli on the middle school soccer team. As we write this both boys have finished and Kendra is in Guam playing in their season ending tournament.

Jim resumed his teaching at Tokyo Christian University in September and then at the Covenant Seminary in October. He has also been preaching at various local churches and serving on committees and boards. We continue to pray about our next church assignment. Our hope is that it would not be a senior pastorate for Jim, but rather some sort of assistant or cooperative role in one or more local Covenant churches. Our desire is to work along side our Japanese pastors and support their ministries however we can.

Hydi has been able to get reconnected with her network of tennis friends both in Gunma, where we used to live, and here in Tokyo. This friendship based ministry provides many opportunities to reach out to people who otherwise may have no contact with any Christians at all.

In the next few months Jim also hopes to learn more about opportunities for ministries of mercy, compassion and justice to the weak and marginalized members of Japanese society.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek to glorify God and see Christ's kingdom established right here in our midst.

Please pray for Hydi as she touches the lives of her students at CAJ.

Please pray for Hydi as she continues to be a witness for Christ on and off the tennis courts.

Please pray for Jim as he works with and helps to train the next generation of Japanese church leaders.

Please pray for Jim and Hydi as they seek a clearer vision of what their church ministry will be.

Please pray for open doors in reaching out to the weak and marginalized.

In Christ,

Jim, Hydi, Miles, Kendra and Eli

p.s. Please note that this update is being sent from our Covenant email address: jim.peterson@covchurch.org

We have been asked by the Covenant to use this address in all correspondence with churches and supporters and appreciate your cooperation.