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Fall Lingers

Autumn in Japan tends to just go on and on. We have had some cold days but many more pleasant ones. Most of the leaves are on the ground now but we still get high temps in the 70s some days. Not for long though!



Lots of News

While many of you keep up to date on our ministry through the web site, it has been several months since our last printed prayer letter and for that we apologize. It certainly hasn't been for a lack of things to write about. Here are just a few highlights.

- A summer full of gospel music concerts performed by our Gospel Choir.
- An evangelistic meeting on October 18th featuring gospel music and a well known Japanese evangelist who hosts a Christian T.V. program. Over 300 people showed up!
- Jim started teaching at the Covenant Seminary in Tokyo in October. He teaches two classes a week, both on Fridays and is enjoying it a lot.
- This fall we had a baptism preparation class at the Yoshioka church with 3 participants who will be baptized soon. One is our son Miles and the other two came to the church through gospel music ministries.
- Hydi continues to reach lots of people through tennis, participating in numerous tournaments and practicing with several clubs.



Celebrating Christmas

We anticipate a busy Christmas season with several special events on the calendar. Please pray that these events will serve to share the good news of why we are celebrating.

- December 5th – Hydi's English students will come to our house for a Christmas party.
- December 11th – Hydi's will host another Christmas party at our house, this time for tennis friends.



- December 13th – A Christmas Gospel concert
- December 20th – A neighborhood Christmas party for kids that we have been asked to host.
- December 21st – Our Christmas worship at church. We expect most of the Gospel Choir members to come.
- December 24th – Our annual Kids' Christmas Program at church.

A New Format

We are trying to figure out the best way to get important news and prayer requests into your hands and are contemplating some changes. Presently we update the "prayer request" page on our web site monthly. 3 to 4 times a year we also put together a printed prayer letter like this one and send it to all of you by postal mail. We also upload the prayer letter onto our web site and have it available for viewing on screen or printing out in MS Word or Adobe Acrobat format.

We are wondering if sending out copies by postal mail is necessary or not. If you would prefer to simply read these prayer letters on your computer or would be willing to do the printing on your end it would save us a significant amount of the precious monetary support we receive from all of you. We would send out an email notice when a new prayer letter becomes available. If you could let us know your preference by sending us your email address or a note saying that you wish to receive a printed copy by postal mail we will respond accordingly.

If you are not familiar with our web site please come have a look at <http://www.wind.ne.jp/JIM/> Prayer letters are in the "Ministry" section. Please contact us by email or postal mail at the addresses shown above.

Thanks

Our prayer this season is that you and your family will be touched by the gift of Christ in new and wonderful ways. As always, we are deeply grateful for your faithful prayers and support.

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