

# Notes from Jim and Hydi

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Greetings from Colorado Springs! Our home assignment is in full swing and we are enjoying the opportunity to connect with you, our valued partners in ministry.

## On The Road

### Connecting with you

It was a happy reunion when Jim arrived in Colorado at the end of September. October was a month of getting settled and visiting Covenant churches here in Colorado Springs as well as attending the annual Pastors' retreat of the Midwest Conference.

At the end of October Jim headed to Washington State and was able to visit all seven of our supporting churches over a ten day period. Then Hydi joined him and we participated in the Pacific Northwest Journey to Mosaic. We learned about the heartbreaking history of racial injustice in that part of the country, but were also encouraged by the divinely hope filled stories of how God's people have sought to address those wrongs.



Enjoying Seattle with Hydi

After a very short 24 hour return to Colorado Springs Jim flew back to Tokyo to participate in an international symposium put on by the School of Preachers, an interdenominational homiletical study group in Japan. Fortunately the trip coincided with the annual conference of the Japan Covenant Missionary Committee and the quarterly meeting of the Japan Covenant ministerium. These were both great opportunities to be with our Covenant co-workers in Japan.

December will hopefully provide a bit of downtime as well as a chance to visit more Covenant churches here in Colorado. Then in January Jim will travel to California for visits to supporting churches in Modesto and Southern California. Hydi will join him for the Mid-Winter Conference in San Diego.

In February Jim heads to the mid-west, with stops in Illinois, Wisconsin and possibly Indiana. The March schedule is not finalized yet but we hope to get to a few more churches in the mid-west.

## Ministry in Japan

### Encouraging News

Back in Japan for a few days, Jim heard lots of encouraging reports of the work moving forward. At the ministerium meeting we approved two new applicants for ordination; a young Japanese man from our Nagaoka Covenant Church and a Korean missionary who has been working with the Shin-Akitsu Covenant Church. At a time when many of our Japanese pastors are approaching retirement age this is great news! God continues to call young people into the ministry and we are thrilled!

In Tohoku, the hard hit region of the 3.11 disaster, we are hearing amazing reports of a new openness to the good news of Jesus Christ. The Japan Covenant continues to send volunteers, and they are encountering needy souls that are eager to hear and experience the Gospel. In the near future new ECC short term missionaries Stephen and Soo Bay will be joining us in Japan and hope to focus on the ongoing ministries in Tohoku. Please pray that they will be able to raise their full support soon!

We are also excited about plans for a new church plant in Tokyo, headed up by Paula Chen, a missionary to Japan from the Taiwan Covenant Church and we are exploring how best to partner with her in that endeavor.

## Family News

Hydi has been keeping very busy here in the Springs substitute teaching in the local school district almost every day, and reffing basketball games several nights a week.

Eli is thoroughly enjoying his junior year at Doherty High School. In the fall he played on the tennis team and now he is totally immersed in basketball.



Hiking with Miles and Eli

Kendra is having a great freshman year at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego and Miles is in his junior year at Western State in Gunnison, CO. We are looking forward to finally all being together for Christmas here in the Springs.

## Prayer Requests

Above all, we humbly seek your support through prayer. Please pray with us in the following ways.

- Pray for the 23 Covenant churches in Japan. Many of them are small and struggling, but empowered by the good news of Jesus Christ. Reaching the youth of Japan is one of their top priorities, so pray that the Holy Spirit will give them a powerful voice in proclaiming and communicating the Gospel to young Japanese people.
- Pray for the ongoing work in Tohoku, that people would find hope in the midst of sorrow; hope that is based in the love of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for safety as Jim travels around the U.S., bearing witness to God's work in Japan.
- Pray for our family, as we find ourselves scattered and separated

from each other much of the time during this chapter of life.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We value your partnership in ministry. For prayer requests that are updated monthly please [check here](#).

**Sincerely,**

Jim and Hydi Peterson

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