

Clark Family Scenes

We have had some fun recently with a trip to Nagoya, a family ski vacation, and a staff student prayer and fasting retreat. You can check out these pictures after the letter.

April 8, 2000

Hello dear friend!

We are excited to share with you a little bit from our recent trip to Nagoya, for the 10th anniversary of Nagoya CCC, which we helped found by leading a team to Nagoya in January 1990. The other staff couple from that team, Jody and Lois Kubo, continued to lead the team after us from 1995. So on March 18, 2000 a special celebration banquet was held in one of the student cafeterias at Nagoya University.

This event was very encouraging for us, as we could see the evidence of God's continued building of the ministry since we left. Top among those new things was meeting Naomi, the first student from Nagoya's ministry whom God has led to join our staff team! Now we pray that this first one will pave the way for many more Japanese to join staff from Nagoya! First one is the hardest they say. We also thank God for using the Nagoya ministry to prepare some students for other Christian ministry as pastors or workers in local churches. It was so exciting to see how God is changing lives and raising up laborers for His Harvest!.

The banquet was also a time of celebrating the graduation of 9 students who have been involved in the Nagoya CCC ministry. Thus, the party was partly hosted by the Ambassadors of Nagoya, which is a fellowship of our graduates who encourage one another in faith and ministry as they work in various companies. Ambassadors groups now exist in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Okinawa. They desire to see God use them where they are as young adults.

During our time in Nagoya, we heard an update of the ministry there. We rejoiced to hear of the large numbers of students (30 or 40 sometimes) coming to the Friday evening meetings, and of students taking initiative to organize the outreaches to entering freshmen, including distributing a flyer in a useful folder with our groups website listed on it. Incoming freshman always receive flyers from many clubs on campus, so our folder gives them a place to put those, while keeping our information on top! CCC students maintain the web page which provides information on our regular meetings and fun events.

Besides the Kubos, there are 3 Japanese staff and 1 Korean woman working on the campuses. One of their effective projects recently has been hosting the Seahorse soccer team, which is an evangelistic soccer team based in Orange County. Soccer has opened up some great evangelism opportunities for the staff and students.

We think you see why it is exciting to be able to serve such a great staff team through our work here in the main office in Tokyo. It is really encouraging to see the fruit of the labors of our team, and God's answers to our prayers.

Thank you so much for standing with us to help see Japanese college students won to Christ and built up in their faith!

With His love,

Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben and Melissa

PS. Check out more pictures of our time in Nagoya and our recent family ski vacation on the web at www.d6.dion.ne.jp/~stejapan (Clark's April Prayer Letter link). God bless you!

Nagoya Trip

March 17-19, 2000

...on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the starting of the Nagoya CCC ministry, which we led back in January of 1990. We were honored as the founding team leaders at a special event to celebrate the anniversary. At the same time the newest graduating students involved with the ministry were recognized and prayed for by local pastors.



Steve sharing our thoughts about the 10th anniversary.



Some of those gathered for the event.



The present Nagoya director, Jody Kubo.



Visiting with old friends was really fun.



It brought back many memories of working with these friends.



The new graduates for 2000!



Local pastors praying for the graduates.



With the newest staff member! One of the graduates from Nagoya, Naomi, has been accepted as the first staff from Nagoya!



The Nagoya CCC staff and graduates involved with CCC.



We visited our old church and the Sunday school there.



Sunday school teacher and kids.

Look at me, mommy!

2000 Spring Ski Trip





Staff and students gathered for a three day prayer and fasting retreat to seek the Lord at the start of the new school year in Japan.

