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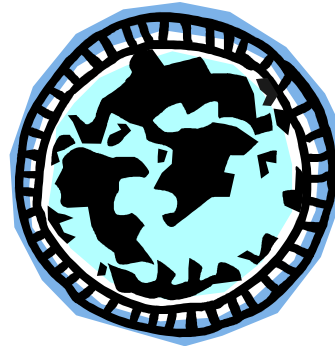
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Japan Campus Crusade for Christ

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What Furlough Means

Dear Friend, Greetings again from the Clark family. We are delighted to be back in California for a little while and have already had quite a number of visits with some of you, our ministry partners. It is a blessing to spend time with you who pray for our work and help keep us on the field.

It seems helpful each time we come back on "furlough" to explain that term for everyone. Furlough is not just a time for rest and refreshment from the Lord, but also a chance to minister to and encourage our prayer and financial support team members. Of course, visiting our many relatives and grandparents is an important part of our time too!

The Spiritual Battle

Although it may seem that we could be over in Japan whether people pray or not, I want to assure you that that is not the case. In Japan we are in the midst of a spiritual battle, because Satan is not eager to see more Japanese reached with the good news of forgiveness in Christ.



While we are in Japan we are so aware of the lack of spiritual interest by the Japanese, our own deficiencies in understanding the culture and language, and other struggles. We really depend on our prayer team to overcome these battles, and we are thankful that when God puts out a front line laborer in the harvest, He does so in a spiritual context of supportive prayer "backers."

When we come "home" (America), away from our "home"(Japan), the spiritual battle changes, but we still have battles to fight. These include dealing with discouragement, displacement, health issues, taking care of aging parents, meeting the needs of our children, as well as trusting God daily to keep raising our support to the level needed for our return. We can't keep going without your backing in prayer. Frankly, it's not easy traveling away from home with kids for 7 months. Will you take a minute even now to lift us up to the Father that He would encourage and enable us for our "Furlough"? Thank you!!

However, we look forward to the "ministry" part of "Home Assignment." We get to share what God has been doing, and challenge people in churches around the US with the needs of the ministry in Japan. We get to spend time with you, our dear friends who pray for us, and hopefully, we can encourage you too. Thank you so much for standing with us to accomplish God's purpose in Japan

through us!

Fun on Furlough

God has also blessed us with a lot of fun too since we arrived on June 21. We were blessed to attend a conference for CCC staff serving overseas in San Diego. There we met good friends who were also home from Japan, had good input from the messages, and felt cared for by the International Ministries Team from Orlando. The Becomers class at the Evangelical Free Church treated us to a day in Disneyland!! Thank you! And Rochelle's parents gave us a week of time sharing for a vacation in the hot desert! Thank you, Mom and Dad! And a special thank you to Ginger Thorne for hosting us during our time in CA. God has certainly taken care of us through His people!

Staying involved with Japan CCC

Steve has also kept busy with the ministry in Japan through e-mail, and other opportunities. He helped two of our Japanese staff meet with some US CCC campus staff about partnerships with our Japan ministry. He also had two meetings with folks from the Jesus Film Project (located in San Clemente, CA) about producing the Japanese version of the Children's Jesus Film and producing an evangelistic Jesus Film related website in Japanese.

Steve is still partly doing his Japan CCC work through email, assisting Japanese staff here, and meetings with Jesus Film staff in California.



Prayer Requests During Furlough

1. For safety as we travel to Dallas and Philadelphia.
2. For good visits with our families and support team members.
3. For Dad Haywood's health and encouragement.
4. For God's provision of our additional financial support. (\$2000/month and \$8000 special gifts). We love you and thank you for standing with us through your prayers and gifts. God bless you!

In His grace,

Steve and Rochelle Clark
 Andy, Ben and Melissa

Contact us:

<p>We will be in California until 7/31/00. Reach us at 714-637-5407. 5221 E Glen Arbor Ln Anaheim, CA 92807</p>	<p>August 2 through 22 we will be in Dallas. 2028 Court PI Garland TX 75041 Call us at 972-278-0482.</p>	<p>From Aug 22 through January 2001 we will be in New Jersey in missionary housing there. 132 Cedar Lane Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 Give us a call at 856-784-3761.</p>	<p>Email us anytime at STCJapan@aol.com or RochelleJP@aol.com .</p>
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