

Dear Praying Friend,

March 26, 2001

We have been on our furlough since last June. By now it really feels like we have been away from home a long time! We have been doing some travel and speaking in a variety of churches and missions weeks here during February and March. We have been asking the Lord to keep raising our whole support for returning to Japan by this coming June.



Many families came out for Japan Night at Word Fellowship

The cooks at work making Yakisoba noodles

It was a blessing to us to see many present supporters and to meet many new people in the places where we spoke. At the same time, we feel a bit discouraged that there has been such a limited response to our appeal for additional monthly partners. We have such a great team, and we are eager to get back to Japan and the ministry there, but we need to keep waiting on the Lord for the funds.

We at least need to see about \$2050 raised in new monthly support through this furlough. So far God has brought in about \$920 in new monthly pledges (and many generous one time gifts), so we still have \$ 1,130 to trust God to raise before we leave!

I know many of you reading this newsletter are similarly looking to the Lord to meet your needs, whether that is a different job, a pay increase, etc. Philippians encourages me as the Lord promises "meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." So day by day we look to him to keep meeting those needs and trusting Him that He is preparing us for that return.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our biggest need is to meet new people who may be interested in helping support missions in Japan. Perhaps your church or small group would be interested in a Japan Night. Perhaps you could help organize a small group event to help us meet people. We need your prayers now that the Lord would show you some people whom you could refer to us to contact. Will you take a minute right now to pray, and see whom the Lord would bring to mind? Then jot those ideas, names and phone numbers down on a little note or an email (stcjapan@aol.com) and send them to us. Help us keep asking, seeking and knocking as the Lord leads.

Your help and prayers always make the difference in our lives and ministry! God bless you!

With love, Steve and Rochelle, Andy, Ben and Melissa