

Clark Family Update

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Dear Friend,

Praise awaits you,
O God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.
O you who hear prayer,
to you all men will come.
When we were overwhelmed
by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.
Blessed are those you choose and
bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things
of your house,
of your holy temple.
You answer us with
awesome deeds of righteousness,
O God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
who formed the mountains
by your power,
having armed yourself with
strength,
who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.
Those living far away fear your
wonders;
where morning dawns and
evening fades
you call forth songs of joy.
Psalm 65:1-8

As I write to you today, I am so thankful, that our God is a prayer hearing and answering God! As you meditate on Psalm 65, consider that this is one of the names or descriptions of our God, "you who hear prayer." And people everywhere come to God because He hears us!

I love these poetic words of praise, and imagine God calling forth songs of joy "where morning dawns and evening fades" – could that be Japan as well?

Let's seek God's face together, asking Him to open the hearts of the Japanese for His glory. One of the things God is doing is bringing out a movie about the changed lives of Japanese gangsters, or "yakuza", who have come to know Christ. The film, called "Jesus is our Boss," (where "Boss" would be like "godfather") is scheduled to come out in mainstream Japanese theaters this fall.

Kazu Kurihara, my boss and the director of Japan CCC, is also negotiating to see if the Jesus film could be shown next March as a follow up to this exciting film. To do so he is negotiating about the \$1.6 million in advertising and guaranteed ticket sales necessary for a 4 week run in over 100 theaters throughout Japan. This could have a great impact on Japan as thousands view the life of Christ!

Pray with us for God's guidance and provision!

Now on the personal side, our family is about to leave for California for our final preparations before going back to Japan. Please pray for our goodbyes with family and friends here in NJ and also there in CA. We will be in California from June 5 to 19, and you can reach us at 714-637-5407.

Pray with us for the last \$415 of monthly support to come in so we can be cleared to go! Ask a friend to join us and help get us there!

We love you!