



Merry Christmas 2001!

Our prayers are with you that you may know His peace and that His peace may fill all the world, not only at Christmas, but forever.

Although this year finds Rochelle's family a bit smaller, with the passing of her dad, and her sister being divorced earlier in the year, we give thanks for His grace to us and to her Mom and Sis. Thanks for your prayers for us! Steve's family mostly seem to be doing well, though we are concerned for his brother, Dave, who may need surgery to correct a weak heart valve. Also Steve's folks are asking prayer that their travel agency may make it into the new year intact after the slowdown from 911. We continue to pray that the Lord will use these circumstances to draw all of us to a closer walk with Him, seeking and finding His love this Christmas.

Already this December, we have helped out in several Christmas outreaches—The Sayama, Iruma City Christmas program, our English Worship Christmas Celebration and Rochelle's English Bible Class Christmas Party. Rochelle still has 2 more Christmas parties to lead for her other 2 classes. We pray that the message of the gospel may lead many Japanese to turn to Him. Many thousands of our Christmas Jesus for Children videos have gone out across the country, so let's pray together that God would speak to many children and adults through this. The J-project, (website is <http://www.jjjjjjjj.org> — take a look!) is starting to gear up for a new internet advertising promotion of the Jesus film to be shown in theaters next April. The image building strategy is seeking to give Japanese a motivation/desire to learn about Jesus, and then to suggest that they see the film. So the promotion doesn't involve the usual pictures and action from the movie at first. Pray with us for God's blessing on this innovative strategy.

It is a great joy to watch our two boys as they start on their respective basketball teams in middle school and high school JV. I have seen some excellent play and teamwork and swishing! Proud dad time, huh? These two boys are also trying to get used to the metal in their mouths and in Ben's case already around his head at night. They travel the trains together to get to a downtown dentist who was trained in the U.S. All three of them keep growing so tall! Look for the picture next month!

It is a privilege to serve the multi-national staff team in Japan by meeting their administrative needs. Soon we will add our first Taiwanese staff member, along with 2 more Japanese this year, and a few American families and singles as well. There is such a tremendous need for laborers in this country. Next June we are praying the World Cup outreaches will bring thousands of short term workers to join us in various cities around Japan, working alongside local churches. God is at work!

We are so blessed by your prayers and gifts, and especially enjoy your Christmas cards and letters. Thanks!

The Clarks—Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben and Melissa



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Thank you so much for being part of our prayer and support team! We couldn't be here to serve the Lord without your help and the grace God gives in answer to your prayers!

Arigato!

*May the Peace and Joy of the Savior
Fill you heart this Christmas
And may you find in His Love
The Greatest Gift of All!*

*Christmas 2001 Blessings from
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