

September 30, 2002

Dear Friends,

Yes, the rumors are true, the rumors are true! The Clark's are having another baby. Yes, a baby! Can't hardly believe it ourselves, but in God's good time we are expecting a new arrival in late February. Many of you have already heard through our email grapevine, and we really appreciate all the emails and gifts and cards, which have really encouraged us. Rochelle is getting big and bigger, and we have even begun to feel the baby kick! Really tiny kicks! So I guess this is really happening! We so appreciate your prayers for our family as we adjust and discuss names and rearrange our house.

Here is a hodge podge of what we have been involved in recently. Enjoy!

Mt. Fuji Adventure.

This summer I (Steve) took the 3 kids up to Mt Fuji, and we climbed most of the way to the top. We had planned to make it to the top at sunrise, but got stuck because it was too cold in the middle of the night. I have climbed it twice before, but this was a first attempt for the kids. They did do a great job hiking from about 8 PM until 12, when we all wanted to crash but it was too cold to sleep outside, and all the huts along the way wanted hotel prices just for a spot on the floor to lie down. Since we didn't have that much money with us, we decided to climb back down. So we headed back to the car and slept the last two hours of the night, awaking to a pretty day before heading home. A good first attempt anyway. At least they will know what they are getting into if they go again with friends.

Community Staff Conference.

We had a "Community Staff Conference" for all our staff who aren't assigned to campuses. It was a wonderful retreat for those who came, and we dealt with topics on growing closer to God, spent good time in praise, and enjoyed catching up with those we don't always get to see! Steve did the organizing, and Rochelle helped as piano praise accompanist. Rochelle also arranged the childcare, and a good time was had by all.

New Laborers.

Another summer highlight was welcoming the Patrick and Estella Low family from Singapore back to Japan for long term! Patrick and Estella originally came to Japan as singles back when we were in Nagoya, and Patrick spent a short term year with us then. They have participated in various summer projects since then, but now they are beginning a long term campus assignment in Tokyo! It is encouraging to see God at work to raise up laborers for the harvest field of Japan!

Jesus Film Showing Update.

During the 3-week film showing, 1770 people came and watched the film. While I was at first a bit disappointed by the numbers and the shortened time frame, we now have some encouraging news. 2 other theaters in mid-sized markets have picked up the film to show in November and January! Since this is a normal request to show the film it might herald good news that various theaters may want to show the film in the future. We pray that might turn out to be the case. Also, having the film shown in a theater has led to a reduction in the cost of TV time for a future showing of the film. Please pray with us that the "Jesus for Children" film would be shown on TV this Christmas.

### Summer Campus Activities.

Our campus staff held a training camp in Miyazaki (southern Japan) which was attended by 80 students from all over Japan. After the training camp, the students and staff went on mission trips! They could choose between one to the Miyazaki area and one to Sydney, Australia. The workers in Miyazaki shared the Gospel with many people, helped a new church there grow, and saw their own faith stretched and strengthened. The group who went to Sydney saw 19 Australian students trust in the Lord and also found 19 other people interested in Bible studies. Now our campus staff and students are trusting the Lord to use them on their own college campuses around Japan. Praise the Lord!

### Material Production and Sales.

One of my jobs is organizing the production and sale of evangelistic and discipleship materials for use on campus and in the community. Recently, we organized the material sales as a separate company in order to generate funds for the JCCC ministry and to handle the taxes due to the government. This has been a complicated procedure! But I have been encouraged by the funds which have been produced to help our staff reach their campuses and communities! One highlight has been the production of a new, full color Four Spiritual Laws gospel booklet geared especially for a Japanese audience, making the Gospel much easier to understand. Our campus staff are really enjoying this new tool for reaching Japanese for Christ!

### School Update.

This year Andy is in 10th grade, Ben in 8th, and Melissa in 4th grade. Andy was very excited to make the tennis team for the first time. Ben is loving soccer, and recently scored his first goal in a game this year. Melissa has joined the Elementary School choir and has started ballet class again. Ben and Melissa are both learning piano from Rochelle, and Andy is playing trombone in the high school band and jazz band. They keep us busy!

### Mom's Visit.

We are very happy to report that Rochelle's mom is coming for Christmas, from December 10th for a month. This will be her first time in Japan since Andy was born 15 1/2 years ago. She is very worried about the long trip and the flight connection she has to make in Chicago. Please pray for a safe and enjoyable flight for her. Thanks!

### Prayer requests.

Pray for me (Steve) as I seek the Lord for His direction for our future mass evangelism efforts. Pray also for wisdom as I program our donations, human resources and materials orders databases. Please continue to pray for our English Worship monthly outreach at church and also for the ladies in Rochelle's 2 English Bible studies. Also, please pray for Rochelle's health and for a healthy baby! Also, our boys have very bad asthma which we recently learned is caused by dust and mite allergies. Pray for us as we try to de-dust our home as much as possible!!

We thank you for your love and prayers for us, and for your gracious financial support. Without you, our ministry here would not be possible. We praise God for you!

With all our love,

Steve, Rochelle

Andy, Ben, Melissa, and Baby