

Sept. 1, 2004

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hi! We are so happy to write to you, our faithful partners in ministry, and let you know what God has been doing here in Japan and in our lives! We had a thoroughly busy and enjoyable summer, except that it was too hot, and now the 3 big kids are back at school. Joshua and I are trying to adjust to being home without Andy, Ben, and Melissa around. We praise God for providing the Christian Academy in Japan for our children's education. The school was founded in 1950 for the purpose of providing Christian education for missionary kids, and it is continuing to do an excellent job. Steve and I are trying to believe that our Andy is a senior, Ben a sophomore, and Melissa started Middle School! They are growing up so quickly. We hope that you also are getting settled into your fall routine of school, Bible studies, church activities, etc.

This month we want to tell you a story of how God has used the "Jesus" audio tape in the lives of one family in Okinawa. It is an amazing testimony, and it encourages us to know that all the efforts Steve and others have made to produce and distribute "Jesus" film videos, audio tapes, DVDs, etc. is bearing fruit around Japan. We hope that you will be encouraged too as this could not have happened without your faithful prayers and giving for our ministry. Thank you so much!

One Jesus Tape brought salvation to a family.

In 2002, one experienced missionary from America in Okinawa, Edna Prinsell, was a patient in the hospital and was distributing "Jesus" tapes there. She gave one of them to Dr Masahiko Tozawa who was her doctor at the hospital. He was not interested in religious matters so he gave the tape to his wife who also was a doctor.

Mrs. Tozawa was happy to receive the tape, and since at that time, her heart was so empty, she listened to the "Jesus" tape again and again. Through listening to the tape, she began to learn about Jesus but she did not accept Christ then. But she still wanted to learn more and so she contacted Japan Campus Crusade for Christ (JCCC) because JCCC's address was on the cover of the tape. The office worker at JCCC knew of Mrs. Prinsell because she regularly ordered materials from them, so when Mrs. Tozawa contacted JCCC one of the office workers gave her contact information to Edna Prinsell, the very missionary who had given Mr. Tozawa the tape! Edna Prinsell had been in Japan for a long time and belonged to a Japanese church. She is well-known in Okinawa because she always gives away tracts and tapes. Edna Prinsell works with the Immanuel Itoman Christ Church.

Through the "Jesus" tape from the missionary and her Japanese church, Mrs. Tozawa met the female pastor of the church, Rev. Sachiko Ohyama. Mrs. Tozawa and Pastor Ohyama started to have good fellowship and Bible study. The pastor said that when she met Mrs. Tozawa she was almost ready to put her faith in Jesus because she had listened to the "Jesus" tape so often. She accepted Christ and was baptized in October 2003!

Acts 16:31 states "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy House". On June 12, 2004, Mrs. Tozawa's 9 year old son repented and accepted Christ. When her son was in 1st grade he had a lot of trouble because other children bullied him. Then, in 2nd grade he stopped going to school because of the bullying. In the 3rd grade, he changed to public school. Now, he is in 4th grade in a private elementary school and he goes to church regularly with his mother.

The amazing thing is that starting this year Mr. Tozawa, who received the "Jesus" tape first and passed it to his wife, started to come to church. Then on July 16, 2004, he said that he would like to have faith in Jesus himself. He confessed his sins and now he has faith in Christ. They now attend church as a family every Sunday. We praise the Lord for His Great Faithfulness. Soon the rest of family will be baptised.

Through the "Jesus" tape all of Mrs. Tozawa family members were saved. We praise God for His marvelous work and rejoice in Him!

Isn't that amazing? Please keep praying that many more lives would be changed as a result of the thousands of "Jesus" film products that have been distributed around Japan. Steve estimates that as many as 20 million Japanese may have seen or heard one of these materials; there are many other stories like this that could be told.

This month please pray for the following requests:

1. For Steve and I to walk closely with the Lord, to obey Him always, and to keep our joy in Jesus and in serving Him.
2. For spiritual growth for all our children and for God to use them as a blessing to their friends.
3. For God's provision to cover the costs of this year's CAJ education for our children for the 3 children.
4. For God to lead me and Joshua to find friends for him and that their moms would be open to learning about Jesus.
5. For wisdom in helping Andy to find the right college and for the financial aid to enable him to go next year.
6. For the production of a new CD called Christmas in Hope for distribution this year at Christmas, and for the outreach plans related to the release of the Passion of the Christ DVD here in December.

Thank you so so much for your prayers. We depend on you and as we work together, believing God, we will see God's power displayed in our lives and through us to the lost in Japan. God bless you!

In Jesus' love,

Rochelle, Steve

Andy, Ben, Melissa and Joshua