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God At Work Growing The Ministry

Hi Friend!

We want to let you know what God has been doing here lately.

The Tokyo CCC Student Center will be built soon!

In June of 2003, JCCC was able to purchase a small piece of property in a great location in Tokyo, near a major train station, and close to many of our key universities. The \$850,000 property is already paid for. Since then, we have been asking God to raise the \$900,000 needed to build the building. By God's grace and the partnership of many people, over \$700,000 has been given for this project. The ground-breaking is planned for June and the building should be finished by December. This Student Center will house a meeting hall for evangelistic meetings, rooms where staff will train students in evangelism and discipleship, and our campus ministry office, and a coffee shop for good conversations. Pray that God will use this place to greatly further the cause of Christ here in Tokyo!

Steve's work has expanded to include the Staff Services Department Coordinator!

Since God has continually enabled our staff team to grow, (presently we have 135 staff and short-term workers serving in 7 cities around Japan), the need has become obvious for more

workers to care for and develop our staff team. Since Steve was already serving the staff administratively, he volunteered to give direction to this important work. He now meets once each month with a team of people from the various cities who actively seek to care for and know the

JOSH'S CORNER

Josh keeps bringing us much joy and laughter. At 2 years old now, he is learning new words daily, but his pronunciation of those words is hilarious at times. Especially funny are the names he assigned to his family (us)! Steve is "papa," Rochelle is "mama," Andy is "daddy," Ben is "men," and Melissa is "naynee" which seems to come from the Japanese word "o-nay-san" which means big sister. But perhaps his favorite and most used word of all is "densha,"



Josh with his big sister Melissa

the Japanese word for train! He loves riding the train, seeing the trains, watching Thomas videos, and playing with his Thomas toy trains and with his Dad's collection of trains too. Sometimes, he even takes his trains to bed. Josh is eager to meet you this summer too!



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needs of the staff in their cities. Steve also gives direction to our good friend, Penny Bailey, who is now working full time in staff care.

God has also led Kevin Grip to serve as our Missions Coordinator under Steve's direction. Kevin will recruit and help send long-term missionaries from Japan to other needy countries and support and care for these missionaries while they are on the field and when they come back to Japan for furlough. He will also work with our Campus Ministry to send college students to other nations for summer missions programs. We are so thankful to report that currently we have one staff, Hiroko, serving in Central Asia, and campus teams have gone in the past to Australia, China, and Mongolia. We think the time is ripe for God to bless us to be able to send more Japanese to the mission fields of the world!

More Workers Serving in Internet Communication!

As you know, Steve has been very active creating websites for our Japan CCC ministry. Now God has led 2 others to come alongside him in this important ministry. Steve will continue to handle the www.japanccc.org website and our evangelistic sites. Weng Kong, from Singapore, will create websites to reach students and tell them about our campus ministry meetings and events. Emiko will develop a network of

volunteers to respond to inquiries from our evangelistic websites. We praise God that His Word will go out in many unique and innovative ways through the internet!

On the Home Front

Life is busy for us, trying to keep up with our 4 kids. Andy has decided to go to Azusa Pacific University, a small Christian university in Southern California. Andy and Ben both continue to be busy with sports; now it is soccer season. Melissa is following in her brothers' footsteps and is on the 6th grade girls basketball team now. She even got the same uniform number (22) that Andy had through High School! Rochelle and Joshua try to go to the park as much as possible and they are making new friends there. Please pray that God would open up opportunities to both show the love of Christ and share the Gospel with some of these mothers and children.

We thank the Lord for your partnership in our ministry here. Thank you for enabling us to be a part of what God is doing here in Japan. We couldn't be here without you. God bless you!

*With all our love and appreciation,
Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben, Melissa and Josh*

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Andy's preparations for college. He is preparing to attend Azusa Pacific University in southern California in the fall.
2. Pray for good adjustments to the new working relationships Steve has in Staff Services and the internet ministry, that we may be fruitful in these areas.
3. Pray for Rochelle's mom—she has been having a variety of accident troubles with her car and home. This has been a difficult time for her and us. Pray that God will protect her and provide nearby helpers.
4. Pray for our campus staff as new students are entering universities this month. Ask God to provide good opportunities to share the Gospel and invite students to the CCC events across Japan.
5. Pray for our family's preparations for a short summer visit to the states from June 11 to Aug 25. We hope to see our partners as well as family. (Our term continues to June 2007.)