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## CLARK UPDATE JUNE 2007

### TRAVELING NEWS & FAMILY JOYS

Dear Friend,

We can still hardly believe it, but we have actually transitioned back to the U.S.A.

Thank you so much for praying for us during our days of goodbyes and packing in Japan and our travel to the US. God provided so many people to help us as we sorted, gave away, threw out, cleaned, and packed. . We had many special goodbyes with Japanese and kids' friends and staff friends.

You helped make these special times special! We could never have gotten to know these dear people we worked with and shared Jesus with unless you had sent us to them! We appreciate you so much!! We also praise God for His grace to us to let us be His servants in Japan.

#### TRAVEL PREP

On arriving in the US, we first enjoyed several days with the Aronsen family who also were missionaries in Japan and are returning to Norway with a visit to the US on their way home! Then we had to get



Friends who came to see us off on our last day in Japan.

cell phones (can't live in America without one it seems) and buy a used car. After looking over several cars we were able to purchase a good used Caravan minivan at a reasonable price. Now we are getting the car ready for the travels coming up and making plans for stops along the way.



Rochelle with our new wheels

#### NEW STEPS IN OUR FAMILY

On June 8th Ben graduated from High School, along with his graduating class of about 50 students at the Christian Academy in Japan. We are so proud of him! He is coming with us to Orlando and plans to attend Valencia Community College to get his general education classes and gain Florida residency for attending a state school.

On June 7th, while we were at Ben's graduation banquet, Melissa was taking care of Joshua at home. Each night, we read Joshua a story

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Our graduating Senior!

from his Bible Story book. That night, the story was about Paul and Silas leading the Philippian jailer to faith in Jesus. "Believe in Jesus and you will be saved." So Joshua said that he wanted to have Jesus in his heart and Melissa led him in a prayer to receive Christ!! We were so happy and surprised to hear about this when we got home from the banquet! We rejoice that now all of us know the Lord. It is so exciting that Melissa got this opportunity to lead Josh to Jesus!!

Meanwhile, our oldest son, Andy, is in Hawaii. He is staying with a high school buddy and his family for the summer. He is working in the reservations department at Sea Life Park on Oahu where he can use his Japanese language ability with Japanese tourists. We really miss him but are glad that he can have this special experience.

Please pray for our kids to grow in their faith each day.

## SUMMER CONFERENCES

We will be attending two Campus Crusade conferences this summer. The first one is for people just like us, overseas staff who are in transition or on furlough. It is designed as a reflective, restful opportunity to interact with fellow staff about our experiences overseas and our transition needs. They also provide a special program for our kids run by older missionary kids who understand what our kids are going through as they have had to leave their home country of Japan. We are trusting God to use this time in our lives to help us appreciate our experiences in Japan and to look forward to what He has for us in the future. Please pray for this time for us and especially for Ben and Melissa.

The second conference is the All US Staff Conference, held every other year in Fort Collins, Colorado on the campus of Colorado State University. We really look forward to these special times of good input from God's Word, messages from CCC leaders, great times of praise and worship, and rich fellowship with other staff. We imagine that we will meet other staff who will be part of the Lake Hart Stint this year with us. It is also a great time to reconnect with others who have ministered in Japan with us in the past.

We ask your prayers for us during these conferences, that God would meet with us and prepare us for the future.

## SUPPORT NEEDS

We are grateful for the special gifts that have come in to help us with the summer conferences expenses. We still need about another \$1000. We are also in need of about \$1600 in travel and moving expenses to get us and our boxes moved to Orlando. We really appreciate your help with these needs as the Lord leads.

You can give online at <http://give.ccci.org/give/0257817>. You can also just add an amount to your regular check this month. Any amount will help! Thanks so much for your partnership with us.

Please note our new address and email addresses above. We would love to hear from you by phone or email and get caught up on your life as well! You can also send email and ask us to put you on our email prayer requests list. We hope to see or hear from you! We love you and always thank God for you!

*With Jesus' joy,  
Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben,  
Melissa and Josh*

- July 11-15: Overseas Staff Conference
- July 19-26: All US Staff Conference
- July 27-August 5: Visits in Dallas, TX
- August 7: Arrive in Orlando!