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CLARK UPDATE SEPT 2007

MOVING TO ORLANDO— HOW ARE WE DOING?!



US Staff Conference in Colorado—Steve Sellers inset

Dear Friend,

We thank our God in all our remembrance of you! Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership with us in the Gospel! We so enjoyed our time visiting with friends and family in California, Colorado and Texas this summer. We are looking forward to getting to Pennsylvania/New Jersey to visit our dear ones there as soon as possible.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

We felt really encouraged and cared for at the conference for other CCC overseas missionaries who are on furlough or transitioning back to the US like us. It was amazing to worship the Lord in the splendor of the Colorado Rockies and to be with people who were also struggling to find their way in the US after their years overseas. Ben and Melissa were at their own conference for missionary kids where they could make some friends and share their experiences. We also began getting to know some of the

staff Steve is working with now.

Our highlight at the second conference, the all US staff conference, was meeting with lots of friends who have served with us in Japan in the past! It is amazing to see Moby Gym filled with CCC staff who are serving God all over the US and the world. What a privilege to serve with a spiritual movement that God is using to bring the Gospel to a world that so greatly needs Jesus!

ARRIVAL IN ORLANDO

We arrived in Orlando on August 7th and we were all very happy to have our cross-



Arriving in Orlando to our new apartment for the year.

country car trip finished safely. Settling in was quite challenging: getting immunizations and physicals updated for the kids; registering Melissa in school and deciding to have Ben wait a year for college so he can attend as an in-state resident; getting Florida driver's licenses and car tags; buying lots of necessities for our new apartment, etc. Melissa's high school has about 4,500 kids enrolled and she has to get the school bus at 6:35 am. This has been a hard adjustment for our family, encouraging us to be much earlier to bed than before! Ben is looking for his first job and that has proven very difficult. Please pray for him that God would provide him a good job near our apartment. He is also practicing driving with Steve

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There he goes—actually waiting for Dad, Ben has a learners permit.

and is making good progress. Joshua is in a 3 day a week pre-Kindergarten program at a nearby church. His teachers are so dear and he loves his school and is beginning to make friends there.

LAKE HART STINT

Steve and I are so thankful to be part of this one year Stint program at our CCC Headquarters. There are about 40 adults with about 30 children participating this year. The adults (except moms) have various jobs at the headquarters 4 days a week. On Wednesdays, all the adults (including us moms) have meetings with Bible input, small group discussions concerning transitions, extra time with the Lord, and time to meet with a "coach" who is part of the Lake Hart Stint leadership team. We feel so blessed to have this time of learning and spiritual refreshment after all our years in active ministry in Japan. Also, twice a month in the evening, we will be part of a Life Group with other Stinters so we can have a community

to fellowship with and share our hearts and struggles with as we transition from life in Japan to life in Orlando!

Steve is serving in the Human Resources Connexion Office as the director of the Sending Team. We will share more in future letters, but his work is helping to recruit and send laborers to serve both here in the Headquarters and around the world.

WE STILL NEED YOU!

Please know that we still need you to pray for us and to support us in our ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ. Also, we already made a friend with a Japanese young lady who works at Epcot and she and a friend are coming over for dinner on Tuesday. We all really miss Japan and all our friends there.

Please pray that God will help us in this huge transition. Sometimes it is all overwhelming! We know some of you may think it strange that we would have troubles adjusting back to US culture. In reality many missionaries do have struggles because they have identified well with the culture they went to reach overseas, then find many daily life issues are different when actually living here.

We really appreciate the special gifts that have come in to help with our moving expenses.

You can give online at <http://give.ccci.org/give/0257817> anytime. Thanks so much for your partnership with us.

We thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement to us. God bless you!

*With love and thanks,
Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben,
Melissa and Josh*



Our family enjoying Japanese food at Epcot.