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JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!

Steve and I love this time of year where we focus on the Good News of our Savior's birth! We know how thankful we are for God's love and forgiveness poured out on us, for we need the Savior every day! We also know from first hand experience of how dark and confusing life is for those who have never heard that God cares for them right where they are, in the midst of the struggles, temptations, and difficulties of life. It is such a privilege to be able to bring the News of our Savior to people whether in Japan or here in Orlando, Florida, or around the world.

Steve's ministry in the Human Resources ConneXion Office here at Headquarters is to serve the 500 US staff who are laboring all over the world to bring the Message of Joy in Christ to the people who need Him. After serving for 23 years in Japan, Steve and I can relate to these staff still on the mission field and understand their needs for support from the Home Office. Steve is seeking to use that experience to influence decisions about the ways that US staff are supported and cared for now as he works on the HRX leadership team. As you pray for and support us, we can be a blessing to our staff on the front lines.

It is one of our joys to hear how others are continuing to bring the good news to the Japanese. Even now teams of CCC staff and volunteers from the US, Singapore and Hong Kong are heading to Tokyo to distribute this year's Christmas CD to Japanese businessmen and people in neighborhoods across the capital. We look forward to continuing to support gospel ministry in our adopted land, as we wait on God's direction how to use our experience there in our next ministry assignment.

As you consider your giving to God during this Christmas season, we would like to ask you to consider giving a special gift for our ministry. As you know, we are presently living in an apartment mostly furnished by our Lake Hart Stint program. As of June of 2008, we will have to move to a house here in Orlando and furnish it all ourselves. We did not bring home any furniture, beds, dressers, etc., from Japan. We have never had the opportunity or means to own our own home before and we are asking the Lord to bless us in that way. With 2 children heading to college next year, our finances are limited, but God is a great God! We need to see God provide the money for a down payment on a house plus money to furnish it from scratch. Your gift can be made payable to Campus Crusade for Christ and sent in the enclosed envelope, as God enables you and leads you to share in providing for us. Please also feel free to give through CCC's online giving at <http://give.ccci.org>. We are so grateful to you always for your partnership in bringing Joy to the World!

May God bless you and your family with a Joy-filled remembrance of Our Savior's birth! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

All our love,
Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben, Melissa, and Josh