

CLARK FAMILY UPDATE APR 2009

Touching the World By Sending Workers Into God's Harvest

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HAPPY EASTER TO YOU!

We want to wish you and your family a very happy Easter! He is risen! Alleluia! We pray that His Life is becoming more precious to you day by day.

As I was reading through the passage on the Resurrection in Matthew, I noticed that a great earthquake accompanied the resurrection of Christ. Here's the passage:

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:1-6

Our family felt many earthquakes during our years in Japan. Never "the big one." But, I, Steve, was in a big one in Manila in 1990. It was scary, hanging on to the walls and jumping up and down with the building! I didn't know what to do, but pray and wait for it to end. Earthquakes make us realize we are pretty small and helpless in this big world.

I started to wonder why there was an earthquake at the tomb? Was it caused by the angel moving the stone?

The resurrection is one of the most powerful moments of history. The earthquake wasn't necessary to raise Jesus. Rather, it appears as a sign of the awesome power of God at work. Earthquakes are powerful, but God's power at work raising Jesus from the dead is even more powerful!

And even more amazing is that God has promised to raise us from the dead! Power far above our ability to control, God's power is at



work in us to bring us His life every day. Even more on the glorious day of our resurrection! We have so much to be thankful for! We have a wonderful Savior!

We pray that this Easter might be encouraging to us all to realize afresh that God's power is available for us day by day. As Paul writes, "I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms." Eph. 1:19,20

We want that same mighty power to be at work in us, as we serve Him in building His Kingdom all around the world.

We were encouraged to read from a co-worker in Japan about one of her student disciples. Aya has been going on job interviews. She has been taking the opportunity to share Christ with those interviewing her! God has given her compassion for everyone she meets. It is neat to see God's power at work in her life. We also desire that kind of compassion and love for those we meet each day!

We are excited that Josh's friend Jacob who lives next door is coming with us to a special Easter Egg hunt this Saturday at Lake Hart. Vonette Bright will be sharing the message of Jesus and His Resurrection with all the families there!

With love and thanks,

Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben, Melissa and Josh