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# **A VISIT TO JAPAN**

#### **SEEING PEOPLE WE LOVE IN TOKYO!**

After 4 years away, it was a blessing to go to Tokyo, Japan and reconnect with so many special people from our many years there with



Japan CCC. God so graciously arranged our times and schedule. One of our desires was for Melissa to connect with her former classmates before

We were hosted by the Kurihara's who led JCCC for many years

they graduated. So we were able to go and attend their graduation!

We were so blessed to be able to stay with Tamayo and Kazu Kurihara and their boys Riki and Ken who are great friends with Joshua!



We loved seeing many of the Tokyo CCC staff at a potluck lunch and made

God's work in the people of our church, and meet their new pastor.

plans to meet some of them again. The next day, Sunday, we went to our former church, and

See more pictures from our trip, download www.steveclark.us/clarkjapan.pps



Rochelle's English Bible Class met together for a wonderful reunion.

were encouraged by the faith and faithfulness of the members. They hosted a luncheon for us, then Rochelle met with her former English

Bible Class members, and we all went to dinner with one family from the church. What wonderful reunions we had!

We were very happy to assist a class of

4th graders in Orlando who wanted to donate to the relief effort. We delivered socks and cards the children made to the CRASH Japan HQ and heard



**Delivering Relief Goods to CRASH** 

about the many teams going up to help people in the tsunami affected area.

All through the 9 days in Japan, we met dear friends, former neighbors, staff members and we encouraged each other in the Lord!

We learned that there was some conflict going on among the staff team, which often occurs when a large group of people work together. We tried to be good listeners and to encourage those involved to seek reconciliation and to believe God to work through conflict to bring healing and even greater fruitfulness. So we were glad to be able to lift up the team in



So great to visit with good friends who share our heart for the Japanese.

prayer. We have heard good news since our return that progress is being made in restoring fellowship among the staff members.



Fast trains and pounded rice balls on a stick, grilled in soy or wrapped in seaweed.

At the end of our trip we were able to

join the graduation exercises of Christian Academy in Japan and see Melissa's former classmates graduate. Melissa had a great time seeing old friends, visiting her favorite hangouts, eating Tamayo's delicious Japanese food, singing at Karaoke, and shopping for her favorite Japanese treats!

#### MELISSA'S GRADUATION

Arriving back in the US on June 6, we managed to get ourselves together and participate in

Melissa's graduation from Timber Creek H.S. here in Orlando that very evening! Although tired and jet-lagged, we managed it anyway and Melissa enjoyed the special evening with her class of 2011. The 600 graduates were



shown on the jumbotron of the Amway Center downtown where the event was held, so we saw her smiling face there on the screen!

We had an amazing time and felt God's guidance each step of the way! Thank you for praying for us during our journey. We felt well cared for by our gracious Father.

## **US STAFF CONFERENCE**

Every two years all of the US staff of Campus Crusade for Christ gather together for a major conference, helping us to grow in faith, keep a world vision, and to receive input about the direction of the ministry. This conference is held on the campus of Colorado State University at Fort Collins, CO.

Just before that conference, we will be involved in hosting a special retreat for our returning and furloughing international missionaries up in Winter Park, CO. We will have many opportunities to listen to and counsel with these precious servants from around the world as they reflect on what God has been doing in their lives and where He is taking them next.

### **BEN'S TRIP TO TOHOKU**

While we are heading to Colorado, Ben will go to Tohoku with CCC to aid people in the disaster area for 3 weeks. Please pray for that trip as well: for God to provide his funds and for all the plans for the team. They expect to clean up homes, clear out debris, provide sup-

> plies, and comfort, encouragement and the Gospel!. The team will leave July 15th. Thanks for your prayers! We are so grateful as always for your partnership with us which enables us to send and minister to the wonderful international missionaries of Campus Crusade. Your prayers empower and strengthen us to do all that God is calling us to do. You are such a blessing to us!

With love and thanks, Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben, Melíssa and Josh