

Tokorozawa

July 2013

Aloha and Howzit from Tokorozawa.

Thanking you in advance for taking the time to read this little report and praying for our family and church family here in Tokorozawa.

Erika and Evan are officially on summer break for about 6 weeks. It was this time last year we were heading to Hawaii!!! Time flies! We are going to see what a nice hot Japan summer will be like in our new house for the first time. I foresee a lot of trips to the pool.

A few weeks ago we had our annual outdoor service with CC Fuchu and CC West Tokyo. Travis led worship and Santo san gave the message as Travis translated. Michael, Zach, and Logan ran the Sunday school program. We stayed all day at the park, but couldn't clean up quick enough when the thunder began. We got drenched, but it was so hot it felt great!! Riding back home we were able to see a couple of rainbows. I was able to invite my student to the worship service. I have been meeting with her for about 3 years now and she finally came to something. She is Chinese and connected right away with Fan Takamizawa. Hoping we can get together outside of English class in the near future.

The men have been enjoying quite a few softball games, which has also opened up a good opportunity for fellowship for us spectators. Travis seems to always be the umpire. The umpire's wife.... hmmm guess I will have to get used to it. :) It has been really nice seeing Rich and Candice more often than usual. Speaking of them...they are doing great over in Fuchu with over 200 students combined morning and afternoon, and a full staff of teachers. They will be holding a 2-week summer school English class, which filled up right away. Parents waited in line early on the day of sign ups hoping to get a spot.

Jiai came back from her 50-day stay in Cambodia at the Greater Hope Orphanage. She is praying about going back for a 6th month stay if they have a need for her. Kayoko seems to be content to stay here in Japan and is now currently looking for a new job. She is doing a good job heading up the young girls youth group of 2 (Erika and Rinka). Also involved with the big girls youth group of 1 (Hitomi).

Our women's fellowship is on break for a few months. Yeah! We completed the Joyful Life Study in Revelation!!! I am very thankful for Pastor Tim Newman's online teachings as well as Pastor Bill Stonebraker's teachings. Very helpful for me in preparing for our discussions!!! During the off-season I am planning to do a book club with the ladies using A Wife After God's Own Heart by Elizabeth George, which is also translated into Japanese.

Next month we will be participating in the neighborhood festival. Since we moved we weren't able to get the tent directly, but Travis's friend signed up in his name for us. So we will pretty much run the booth plus sell some ramen or udon for his friend. Maybe we can all wear our Jesus Love T-shirts. :) Our tent will feature Hawaiian shave ice and spam musubi for sure. We pray for just another

chance to show the love of Christ. Also next month Fan wants to have her water baptism. She wants her husband to be able to be there. Right now he is working in China, but will be home for a few weeks next month. She also hopes her kids will come too.

September will be family camp together with Fuchu. October will be our first ever music concert at the Tokorozawa concert hall featuring Travis on guitar and piano. I am working on talking him into playing Josh's ukulele too. :) November will be the Pastors/Leaders of Japan Calvary Chapels.

Little by little I am catching on to teaching English to kids on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the church school. Two more weeks and I am off for the summer!!!:) Travis has been adjusting to working at an English school in Tanashi. A week ago the principal of Erika and Evan's school approached him so he may start volunteering again at the kids' school soon too. Keeping busy.

Thanks for praying for us and the church here.

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Til the last one's saved,
Aloha and God bless you,
Travis, Dawn, Erika and Evan Takamiya
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