

Aloha from Tokorozawa!

August 2010

Summer is half over and we still have lots planned. The events during July were a blessing. We ended our women's fellowship at Mikiko's house in early July. She isn't really into hosting people, but she has had a change of heart. She even cooked for us. We played a game "Daniel Pictionary". Both teams totally got stumped on the word "Chaldeans". We have completed our study through Daniel chapter 6. We will pick it back up from Daniel 7 beginning September 8th.

We had our annual outdoor service with Calvary Chapel West Tokyo. Pastor Santo gave the message this year and Travis translated for him into English. The kids had a good time having Sunday school outside. Rusty gave the message and Michael planned all the games. After lunch the adult men set up the volleyball net and the battle began. I heard CCWT ended up winning more games so they are the champs this year. The rain came in the late afternoon and chased us home early.

We Go Eigo had a date night and over 20 kids showed up. All the teachers watched the kids for four hours so the parents could go out on a date. Travis stopped in towards the end to make balloons. My friend that I play volleyball with said that her kids had a great time. They joined the classes a few months ago.

Last weekend our church had a BBQ with Rich and the gang from CCfuchu out in the mountains at our favorite spot along the Okutama River. One gal got baptized. She all ready got baptized 6 or 7 years ago, but really felt the desire to announce her re-committment to the Lord in public. She is actually living in the church right now and looking for a job in Tokorozawa or near here. Once she finds a job she will be able to move into her own place. My new friend, Minako, and her family joined us for the BBQ, so it was a good opportunity to share what baptism is. My friend had a great time (hanging out with a bunch of Christians all day) and she was so glad we invited them to come. I pray that someday they will be part of our church family.:-)

August is right around the corner. We will spend the first few days with Travis's parents who will arrive soon. Then we have a VBS planned for the We Go Eigo students. There is also a one-week summer school program that Michael will run for those who are interested. We also have the neighborhood festival coming on the

21st. Travis has been to a few meetings and has many plans in his mind. He plans to make spam musubi, teriyaki hamburger, and Hawaiian style shave ice. We will also have games for kids and balloons. Our VBS for church will be August 24 & 25 and our theme is the early church. Michael will put together teachings for the kids. Lastly our summer will end with a women's conference on Saturday the 28th. Many ladies from the Okinawa churches are coming up to bless the Tokyo ladies with the event. I am very thankful for technology so we all can communicate and plan. The event will be held at Calvary Chapel West Tokyo this year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and pray for the body here and for those who God may be calling into this body. This year we have folks from our church who are traveling abroad during the summer. Some are in England and Jamaica now and a few are heading back to America soon. We should all be back together before the end of August comes.

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Til the last one's saved,
Aloha and God bless you,
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