

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers for our family and for the Lord's ministry in Japan. Looking back over the summer, we have had quite a busy, yet very good summer. One of the highlights was to have both Corey and Ethan home from studying in California for most of the summer. Here is just a little of what we've been doing this summer:

June -

- All of us were involved in one way or another at the Ichthus music festival here in Wilmore. It was amazing to see the way the Lord spoke to so many as I assisted in the altar ministry tent.
- Katie joined ten of her youth group and a few adults on a missions trip to the Dominican Republic. This opportunity for her to go to a different part of the world from where she was raised in Japan was a wonderful experience for her. She came back with more than a lot of pictures. She was touched by the needs of the people, both physical and spiritual.
- The month ended with Beth and Stephen going to the Missions in the MidWest Conference in Indianapolis. It was good to see many whom we have not had a chance to see since we've returned from Japan.

July -

- Our family went to Fairfield Glade, TN to speak share in a church. It was good to meet the people in a church where they have been faithfully praying for our family and ministry in Japan for 2-3 years, but we had never met. We were blessed.
- Beth and Stephen were blessed to attend a retreat in Colorado in the later part of July. To have an opportunity to hike in God's creation was really awesome.

August -

- Stephen attended a two week seminar on Church Planting Multiplication at OMS headquarters in Greenwood, Indiana. It was very good to learn alongside some of our national leaders and to interact with them as we all considered new ways to plant churches in our own countries of service.
- The month ended with a quick trip to West Virginia, where Stephen shared the Lord's ministry in Japan with two churches. It was a blessing to be with the people in these churches, renewing friendships at one and making new friends at the other.

Thank you for your prayers as we have traveled!

In our last update we asked that you pray for Beth as her file was considered for a Kentucky counseling license. The board responded with a requirement that Beth present documentation of her required counseling hours and of her supervision hours. Beth has spent the summer collating this into a form that will demonstrate all she has done. This past Friday Beth submitted this to the board, which will consider her file again at the September 18th board meeting. Please pray with us that they will accept her documentation, and that this will lead to her receiving her Kentucky counseling license. Then Beth will be able to practice counseling while we are in the US.

As our boys returned to California, our eldest, Corey, needed to have a car for an off-campus job. We found a car, which he bought with what he earned working this summer, and started his journey to California. He made it to Kansas City and stayed with good friends, then the next day when he was on his way to stay with another family in Denver, his car broke down 50 miles before Denver. We praise the Lord for protecting Corey on this long trip (32 hours from here to Azusa Pacific University) and for friends who were willing to pick him up and take care of him for the 4-5 days it took to get his car fixed. Corey is now at APU and ready to start classes this week. Ethan has been there for three weeks as he had leadership training before classes were to begin. Please pray for Corey and Ethan as they juggle work and studies, that they may continue to grow closer to the Lord.

Katie is doing well in school and for right now, volleyball is taking up much of her time. She enjoys time with her friends as well. Please pray as she takes on the

challenges she has with academics, that she may do well. We are thankful for the resources that are available here to help her.

Stephen has been asked to speak in the Reaching Japanese for Christ Midwest Conference in Chicago on October 9-10. Please pray as he prepares to teach a seminar on Praying for Japan: Historical Strongholds and Spiritual Warfare. Pray many will come who are interested in reaching out to Japanese who are living in the Midwest. (We are attaching the brochure for this conference.) On other weekends Stephen continues to travel to churches and sharing about the ministry in Japan. Please pray for safety as Stephen travels many miles and that the Lord will bring his choice people to be a part of our prayer and financial support team.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Protestant missions in Japan. During this fall there will be various events and activities commemorating this anniversary. Pray for unity among the various Protestant denominations in Japan, a unity that will speak loudly to the non-Christian Japanese society.

We continue to schedule meetings and have a number of Sundays open. When may we come to your church? Please let us know when it would be a good time to share in your home or church the exciting things that are happening in Japan.

Thank you for your prayers!

Because of Jesus,

Stephen & Beth Dupree