



**PAUL & MELISSA EWING - Missionaries in Japan**

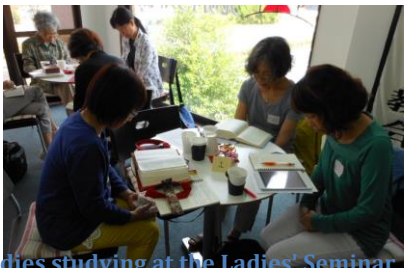
**August 2015**

Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you for your prayers for the many activities over the last few months. In May, Shan Reed, a church member, the boys, and myself participated in the JBC annual gathering of churches. It is always a great time to get together with fellow members for fellowship and encouragement. This year we had small group discussions on various theological ideas and it was a blessing to discuss God's word and its meaning. It is always good to sharpen our understanding and enrich our relationship with God. Our church's ladies seminar in the same month was on personal devotion times, how to enrich those times and to hear from the Spirit. There were ladies there from 8 different churches who were excited to learn and encouraged to go back to their churches and share with the other ladies of their church. In June we had our second Gospel Café time featuring our two Gospel choirs; the adults and the kids. It was a great time of worshipping the Lord and

**PRAISES**

- Great fellowship during the annual JBC gathering of churches.
- A blessed ladies' seminar with much anticipation for another in September.
- Always a blessing to sing worship songs to God. Loved our Gospel Café time.
- So many blessings over the last few months. Praise God for everything that happened at the Triennial.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS**
- May we follow the Spirit's leading how to be an encouragement and love others.
- September 29, Ladies' Seminar led by Shan Reed and Yuri Nakano.
- Continued wisdom as we work with people who suffer from depression and other challenges.
- More pastors and missionaries to be sent.



Ladies studying at the Ladies' Seminar



Team from Magnolia Baptist Church, CA

being encouraged.

May and June were also filled with visitors from The United States. In May we were blessed to be able to meet up with a team from Magnolia Baptist Church, CA, who have sponsored a home-stay program which also involved teaching the participants Bible and English. It was good to put faces to the names and spend an evening getting to know these dear people who have opened their hearts and homes to various students and JBC members who have participated in the program. June brought a young man to our home, Caleb Chapman. He graduated last year from KCS and wanted to surprise his graduating friends from this year. We were happy to keep his secret and give him a place to stay. This was also an opportunity for him to visit his home here in Japan before entering college in the fall.

"I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever. I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness." Psalm 145:1-3



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**Second row:** Bill Lengefeld, Ron Stoller, Pastor Higashi



**The Ewing's and Shan Reed at the top of Mount Fuji**

The Triennial was a great experience for Rev. and Mrs. Mineo Taniguchi and Rev. and Mrs. Kensaku Higashi. Their hearts were blessed and filled with excitement as they experienced God's work through NAB around North America and the world. It was a busy and blessed time for Paul as he translated meetings and conversations for the couples. Thank you to everyone who met these dear people in Christ and made their time in the States wonderful. We are praying that the relationships started during the Triennial will grow and God would enable teams to minister on both sides of the ocean.

We had our annual summer conference this year in the area of Mount Fuji. Dr. and Mrs. Alan Steier joined us as we studied from Ravi Zacharias; discussing how to better defend our faith. It was a time of relaxation and laughter as well. Since we were in the area the Ewing 5 and Shan Reed decided to climb Mount Fuji. Traditionally one climbs at night and sleeps a few hours in a "cabin" and then completes the climb to see the sunrise. We decided to climb and descend in one day. We started at 9 a.m. and finished just after 8:30 p.m. It was an amazing climb and we are happy to have done it but it was not easy. As this is Noah's last year in Japan before home assignment and then entering college we are trying to do some extra activities as a family to create memories to leave with him. God did not disappoint in the awesomeness of His creation.



As the new school year begins for Noah and Jonah and Elijah's continues after summer break we would continue to ask for prayer as they shine their lights for Jesus. As they grow up in this ever changing world we pray that God's Spirit will continue to work in their lives. We are also looking forward to the weekly church activities starting up after the summer break and another ladies' seminar on September 29.

Blessings,  
Paul and Melissa Ewing

**A shot from close to the top of Fuji**