



PAUL & MELISSA EWING - Missionaries in Japan

November 2016

Dear Friends and Family,

The boys and I arrived in Buffalo, NY, on August 17, and had a few days to get over jet leg before almost daily appointments to get them ready for school. Our learning curve of American culture can often be overwhelming, and the boys have made some quick observations of the differences as seen by their experiences. We feel blessed to have the boys attend Christian Central Academy <http://www.christianca.com>, who have welcomed them with open arms. All three boys were able to play soccer and Noah and Jonah had an especially great season. Their prayers were answered to be able to play competitive soccer once again. Our learning curve also continues as we are walking alongside Noah through the college application process. It has definitely been a busy two-and-a-half months just keeping up with the kids.



Noah and Jonah with team trophy

Paul arrived in the States on August 31 and started to get our family more settled by buying a car, obtaining cell phones, along with various personal items leading him to the point when he could start church visits.

Thankful and blessed by the church visits of:
 9/29-Ridgewood Baptist Church-Brookfield, WI
 10/02-Washburn Baptist Church-Washburn, ND
 10/16-Metropolitan Baptist Church-Fargo, ND
 10/23-Family Church @ the Shore-St Catherine's, ON
 10/30-Trinity Baptist Church-Sioux Falls, SD
 11/06-Oak Hills Baptist Church-Sioux Falls, SD
 11/13-Napier Baptist Church-Benton Harbor, MI

Continue to pray for future Church visits. Good fellowship and communications along with travel safety.

11/20-First Baptist Church-Avon, SD
 12/04-Whitehaven Road Baptist Church-Grand Island, NY
 12/05-12/13-Japan

Besides the blessing of spending time with our NAB family, Paul has also been blessed to be able to catch up with family friends and enjoy the open spaces and

PRAISES

- Provision from God for many of our needs in the last two months
- The boys being able to play and participate in school soccer.
- Growth in church members.
- Opportunities to help Japanese individuals

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Travel safety and fellowship with supporting churches
- Komyo Church members as they work out their faith and grow as a family of God.
- Pray for the new Christians as they grow and work out their faith
- College application process and decisions for Noah's future.

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.
 1 Peter 3:14-16 (ESV)



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fresh air of the Dakotas☺ Paul is still working on church visits for January through July 2017, so please contact him at pemedicus@yahoo.com to discuss a church visit.

We are blessed and thankful for the support, prayers, and love that we continue to receive from all our supporters.

We were saddened by the passing of Roger Reed, and yet thankful that we were able to travel to SD to spend time with Shan Reed and her family as they mourned. Please continue to pray for Shan and her family as they process through this loss and continue to lean on Jesus.

Please continue to pray for Shan Reed, Yuri Nakano, and Ken and Rachelle Johnson as they minister at Komyo Christian Church and in their communities. Pray for the people of the church as many are young Christians, still learning about their relationship with Jesus. Pray that they will be spiritually protected and that they will continue to seek Jesus and work out their faith.

I am always amazed with God. Esther 4:14b says "...And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" During an open house at CCA, Jonah was able to help a Japanese family while visiting the school. What a joy to see God encourage and use Jonah to bless someone else. Pray for this family who may or many not attend CCA, but who have definitely been exposed to the kindness, love, and joy of Jesus by visiting CCA. God has also designed that the daughter of one of our neighbors in Japan is attending the State Univerity of NY at Buffalo this year. I am looking forward to meeting with her in the next week and to discuss Christianity. In her mind Christianity is just a part of American culture. What a great opportunity to share with her that belief in God is for all people; Jesus did not come to save only Americans but for all people, all nations created by God.

Blessings,
Paul and Melissa

