



Paul & Melissa Ewing

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN



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SUMMER SCENES

Praise

- A great time of ministry and fellowship with the Caravan Evangelism Team from Tokyo Bible Seminary.
- Many from the church pitched in to make this year's Family Festival a wonderful time of fun and fellowship.
- Summer jobs for Noah and Jonah as they save for their college needs.
- Family time while here in the States, especially the joy of seeing cousins we don't get to see often.

Prayer

- The people of Komyo Christian Church as they grow in their faith, becoming active members of God's family, and reaching out to others to share the love, joy, and peace of God.
- Transitions: Jonah as he begins his college career, Noah as he enters his third year of college with his brother joining him on campus, Elijah as he remains with us on the field, Paul and I as we continue to enter another season of parenting and how it all affects ministry.

"But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation"

I THESSOLIANS 5:8 NLT

These are the Tokyo seminary students who spent six days participating in the ministry at Komyo Christian Church. They were able to participate in Bible studies, English classes, worship services, and help with our Family Festival. Being a part of God's family is not just about conversion but speaking and mentoring into each other's lives as well. We are thankful to have the opportunity to have this relationship with the Tokyo Bible Seminary and pray that we will have future opportunities to fellowship with each other and speak into each other's lives.

This is the second year to have our Family Festival, a fun time of games and activities to invite the community around us, to come to the church.



Though the event is still slowly being made aware of in the community, it was a great time of growth for the church as many volunteered to lead an



activity or volunteer on the day, helping to make the day a success. It was a blessing to see the church build community among themselves as well as reaching out. Adults and youth joined forces to make Family Festival a wonderful time of fellowship and fun.



We also believe in partnering with our neighbor churches as we all work for the Kingdom. We were thankful that Takei Sensei once again joined us to share his ventriloquism skills. Besides pastoring a neighboring church, Takei Sensei is also a leader for Hi-BA (High School Born Againers), a ministry that Paul has volunteered with over the years and our sons participate in. It is a blessing to partner with him.

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Paul has joined us here in Buffalo, New York, for the month and it has been good to be together as a family. We are looking forward to celebrating Paul's 50th birthday with the five of us (it is early but we are together now), taking Jonah and Noah to college, and being able to participate in the stands to cheer the boys on as they play soccer. We fly back to Japan at the end of August and will jump right in to gearing up for Elijah to start school and our September ministry activities.

We are thankful for your continued prayer and financial support and are praying for you as you enjoy summer times and fall preparations!