

Kindervater Konnection

periodic praise and prayer update from the Kindervaters, serving with the C&MA in Japan

December 2008

Home Assignment 2008.6~2009.6

Our second term in Japan wound up in June of this year, and we headed home for a year of ministry in the States. After spending a great summer at Edinboro camp in Pennsylvania, we moved to Minnesota, where we will live for the rest of home-assignment. While our sending district is Western PA, Evangeline is from Minnesota, so this time we are living near her family in the Twin Cities area. Josiah (8) and Eryn (7) are adjusting well to American school. Eryka (4) is still at home with mom.

David was on tour in PA and will be out again in the winter/ spring. We miss Japan, but we also love the opportunity to share with American believers the incredible need for Christ in Japan and what God is doing there. 🙏

Sengendai Church looks for a building and pastor



Building we were hoping to purchase: \$550,000

For the past term, we have been planting Sengendai Alliance Church, on the north side of Tokyo. The church is now ready to



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become independent of the mission. All that remains is for the church to find a pastor and a building. Continued on back

Declaring the glory of Christ
among the least reached
where all the odds are
stacked against us

Japan

- + An island nation off the coast of China, roughly the size of California.
- + 129 million people – nearly half the population of the United States.
- + Only 2/1000 (0.2%) attend a Christian church.
- + Most Japanese are both Shinto and Buddhist – worshipping over 8 million gods.
- + Many are becoming disillusioned and looking for hope!
- + **Most have not yet heard.**

Strengthening the Alliance



e-mail updates

It is our desire, as missionaries with the C&MA, to better connect with Christians at home and, thus, strengthen the Alliance for mutual encouragement, prayer and support.

To connect with Alliance believers and churches in the States, we maintain a homepage at www.theKindervaters.com and send out short e-mail updates which we call "Kapsules." **If you would like to receive these e-mail**

updates, please send us a note at dvjapan@japancma.org and let us know. We will see that you get our Kindervater Kapsules. 🙏

Thanks so much.

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Please pray for a building and a pastor for Sengendai Church



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CHALLENGE 1: a pastor Sengendai Church has been waiting for a pastor for quite a few years now. The Alliance, like other denominations in Japan, has very few pastors – not enough to cover the existing churches, let alone new church plants.

Sengendai Church has applied for membership in the Japan Alliance

national church and requested a pastor. Please pray that the needs of the Japan Alliance Church will be met and a pastor will be supplied for Sengendai Church.

CHALLENGE 2: a building

Because of the high cost of living and rent in Japan, pastors live in the church building (eliminating

need for a parsonage). Thus, Sengendai Church needs its own building when a pastor comes. In July, the church spotted a potential building for sale in the neighborhood and made a bid, but this week that building was sold to someone else. Please pray for a building for Sengendai Church. 🏠

What's our plan going to be?

It was time for bed and, like any child, Eryka wasn't exactly looking forward to it. Using the best distraction technique that I could think of, I grabbed her around the waist, slung her over my shoulder, and ran up the stairs growling like a wild bear.

It worked! Protests turned to giggles as we dove into her bed and pulled the covers over our

heads.

As I congratulated myself on a job well done, Eryka peered at me through the darkness. Her nose only a few inches from mine, she whispered, "So, what's our plan going to be!"

As we look forward to our next term in Japan, we find ourselves asking the same question: what's the plan going to be?

We don't know. It appears that our work at Sengendai is done, so we will be returning to start a new church plant. Where that will be, with whom we will work, where we will live and what we will do for school... All are unknown at this time. Please pray that we can keep the attitude of Eryka and look forward with expectation to God's plan – yet unknown to us. 🏠

Winter Speaking Tour Jan 11 – Feb 8 VA, MD Area

Jan 11- 13 Roanoke VA
Jan 18-25 Portsmouth VA
Jan 25- Feb 1
Silver Spring MD
Feb 1-8 Rockville MD

Feb 15- Mar 16 Pittsburgh PA Area

Feb 15-16
NK Greensburg Rd,
Feb 17-18 LB Hillcrest
Feb 19-20 Pgh Hilltop
Feb 21-22 Pgh Webster Ave
Feb 22-23 Elizabeth
Feb 24-27 Norwin
Feb 18- Mar 1 Penn Hills
Mar 1-4 Upper St. Clair
Mar 5-8 Washington
Mar 8-9 McDonald
Mar 10-11 Cecil
Mar 12-13 Kennedy First
Mar 14-15 Coraopolis
Whosoever
Mar 15-16 Bakerstown

back to Minnesota!

Supporting the Great Commission Fund

As we conclude the last few weeks of this calendar year we are quite aware of the fact that the current economic crisis in the United States has and will continue to impact the local church. According to

George Barna, one out of every five households (20%) has decreased its giving to churches. The Japan Alliance Mission has already cut its budget 52% this year. We need you to stand with us as

you have done so many times before. Please continue to support the Great Commission Fund of The Alliance so that we can continue to proclaim the Gospel to the 126 million Japanese who do not know Jesus. 🏠