



***Mele & friends on a field trip to a farm. School activities are one of the best ways for Pen to meet Japanese ladies in her outreach ministry.***

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Dear John & Elaine,

Summertime is peak season here at Karuizawa Retreat Center. With a full calendar of church retreats, seminars and conferences we've been able to serve hundreds of missionaries from around the country. Perhaps the best way to share our story is through pictures, so please enjoy this montage.



*The TEAM Japan annual conference at KRC was a great success. Some of these dedicated folks are 3rd generation missionaries in Japan. We spent a week in fellowship, teaching and ministry planning.*

*One of the most significant moments at KRC was a baptism held by a Japanese church. This is the second year in a row that this church has held a baptism here; a rare accomplishment for a Japanese congregation. We are honored to be able to serve these people through our work here.*



*Below: The fire pit that we rebuilt in May has been in constant use by missionaries & church groups all summer. It's a favorite gathering place.*



We were called upon to empty a 3-bedroom house over the weekend, to make room for a missionary couple who will move in. They will be coming to Karuizawa to launch new ministry initiatives, a great complement to Pen's work here.





### And finally...

No newsletter would be complete without a photo of this sweetie. Mele displays the bounty of the land from her farm visit. With her fellow preschoolers, they harvested potatoes, carrots, peppers, tomatoes & more. She not only learned where her vegetables come from, but Mele is also starting to help us in the kitchen with simple recipes.

We continue to teach her Japanese vocabulary, and her quick mind is absorbing it all.

That's a quick summary of our life over the past month. We thank you for your continued prayers and support. We have nothing new to report about our plans for next year, but we are working hard to line up ongoing ministry in Japan. It's a slow process so we will let you know when we have something definitive to report. Thank you and God bless!

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