



Making disciples among the unreached

The Letaw Family in Japan

June 10, 2019



In The Swing Of Things

Dear John & Elaine,

We are beginning our third month at Yamanaka and finally getting into the swing of things. We mentioned in our last letter that we had to take an unexpected trip to Guam to straighten out our visa. Praise God -- everything went perfectly, and we were back 5 days later with visas in hand so we can continue our work in Japan. Thank you for your prayers and support during that small detour. The three of us have gotten into the tempo of managing the camp, cleaning cabins, keeping up with landscaping, and offering hospitality to all who visit.



A New Church Home

Finding a local church has been problematic. We attended Easter services at a nearby Marine Corps



base, but that is a remote outpost for infantry training and they have no children's programs. We are often busy on Sundays as weekend visitors check out. But this weekend, we discovered a delightful Japanese church with an active children's group (all in Japanese), and will start going there.

During the week, this church has many mom & children activities, giving Pen a chance to resume her outreach activities as she did last year in Karuizawa. Please pray for God's guidance for this important part of our ministry

A Busy Camp

Each week, different groups move in and out of our cabins, each with their own agenda and goals. We are here to support each of them as best we can.

In late May, a Japanese church from Tokyo reserved the entire camp for their annual retreat. During this time, they baptized eight new Christians in the chilly waters of Lake Yamanaka. What a joy to witness this event, which is monumental for a Japanese church!

This past weekend, we were privileged to host the senior class of the Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ), where many Tokyo missionary families send their children. These 43 students had a chance to celebrate this major milestone in their lives.





Above: Mele greets a young missionary who has just arrived. As always, Mele is a gracious and welcoming hostess!

Looking Forward: Our Prayer Requests

The Mt Fuji region still hasn't quite decided that winter is over. Today was rainy, cold, and overcast -- but occasionally we have delightful spring days! On one such day, Mele joined her pre-school friends digging up tulip bulbs which we will plant around the camp in the fall.

We had feared that the workload at Yamanaka Chalet might be overwhelming but so far it seems to be manageable. So we'd like to focus prayers not on us, but on those who come to this camp seeking a closer relationship with Christ. Whether it is a missionary family taking a break from their hard work, a pastor seeking solitude as he prepares his sermon, a church retreat, or planning meeting for a missionary team, each has their own needs. Please hold them in their prayers that they will find what they need in their walk with the Lord here at Yamanaka Chalet.



We can never thank you enough for your continued prayers and support.

We still have a budget shortfall of about \$1000 due to our unplanned trip to Guam. We thank those of you who donated towards this need last month. If you are able to help offset the remaining expense please [click here](#) to give online.

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We remain yours in Christ,

John, Pen & Mele

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