

The Carr Keeps On Cruisin'

The past few months have whizzed by at their usual fast pace. When we last wrote, Paula had been recently released from her second stay in the hospital. We continued to have to deal with broken bones when Mitchell fell about 15 feet from a tree and fractured his wrist. True to form, he healed quickly as only children can, and within 3 weeks or so was able to have his cast removed and resume his normal activities. Paula wishes she could have a little of that healing speed, as 9 months following the accident she still walks in some pain and with a slight limp. But as we remind ourselves often, it could be much worse! **Thank you for your prayers!**

As we write this letter we should have been busy making final preparations for our July 4 **Joyful Sounds** concert. However, due to an outbreak in our prefecture of foot and mouth disease and nearly 200,000 cattle having to be destroyed, we were encouraged to postpone our concert until a later time. Most large gatherings in the area have been cancelled—a sign of solidarity with those farmers whose livelihoods have just been devastated. The concert has been rescheduled to February 27, as there were no fitting openings in the concert hall before then. Please continue to **pray** for our choir members to faithfully attend and to be interested in spiritual things.

Due to a scheduling glitch, we will be helping with **VBS** here in Miyakonojo (July 26-30) and **Children's Camp** in Ookuchi (July 27, 28). Since the dates overlap, it'd be nice to be able to be two places at once, but since that's not possible we'll do what we can to help both ministries. It should prove to be an exhausting week, but hopefully one that will reap eternal rewards! Pray for strength and for lasting fruit from these endeavors.

Our friend, "**Aunt Wendy**" **Stiles** will be married to **John Patton** on July 10. We had a tearful parting when she left Japan for the last time on June 1, but are happy for her and her new life. Her leaving, of course, means our children's educational structure will be changing. Since we don't have another teacher coming any time in the near future, we have gone ahead and made arrangements to begin homeschooling probably the last week of August. **Pray** for Wendy and John as they begin their new life together, and for us as we begin a new phase of our life. **Pray** that we'll know how to balance parenting, schooling and the ministry here in Japan.

Tom and Chris alternate preaching for several months at a time—this year from Psalm 139. It is Tom's turn to preach in July through September. Please **pray** for those that are listening to understand (most of our congregation these days are children, which makes it even more challenging) and for Tom to have wisdom in preparing the messages.

Miss **Kiyoko**, Mr. **Kawabata**, and Mr. **Arimura** continue to study the Bible. Miss K still has not had the courage to tell her family she believes. She's thinking strongly about being baptized soon, so **pray** that she will do so and use this as the opportunity to share with her family. **Pray** that her brother will not react in a harsh way to her news.

About two years ago, you may recall the Lord taking Pastor Namba home to be with him. We're thrilled to report the church he left behind has called a new pastor. **Praise the Lord!**

Thank you for continuing to share in this ministry through your faithful financial support, prayers, and other expressions of interest.

CARRying the Gospel, Tom, Paula, Andrew, Lindy, Mitchell and Tevia

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