

# FOR THE ONE PERCENT



We've now been in Japan over 6 weeks and are beginning to learn how to deal with the hot, sticky summer weather and ferocious mosquitoes. Two weeks were spent at the coast in Chiba, as a part of the California team from San Lorenzo Japanese Christian and Fremont Asian Christian Church. This year, we partnered with two local churches to bring VBS to the children as well as visiting two different children's homes to do ministry. It was a physically exhausting but spiritually filling two weeks for all of us, and I highlight some of the details in the links below

Back in Tokyo for over a week now, Jayne is starting work at CAJ and the kids are getting ready for school. Jeremy is starting to run with a friend almost every morning in training for the cross country season that starts in



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## Prayer Corner

**Financial support update:** If you missed the special update in mid-July, I am thrilled to say that we are fully funded! Thank you for your prayers and financial giving that has helped get us here. Any support we raise beyond 100% will stay in our reserves

September. Ayumi is doing her summer reading for her upcoming classes and both are studying a little Japanese each day (at least that's what they tell us).

We are spending our free time catching up with our international students that we became friends with in California, exploring our neighborhoods (around our home and around our church), and getting up to speed on the ministries of our new church. God has revealed many possible opportunities for ministry but we know we can't do them all. We are praying for clarity in how we are led to serve and how we use our time.

Every morning I wake up and thank God for allowing us to be here to serve at His pleasure. Then, I thank God for each of you who has made it possible through prayer and support for us to be here! You are partners in our ministry here and we treasure each one of you!

Blessings,

Todd, Jayne, Jeremy and Ayumi



**Chiba Mission  
VBS**



**Children's Home  
Visit**

for periods when support dips below what is needed and can also be used for special ministry expenses.

Praises for a miraculous response by the children at VBS in Chiba this year! Pray for each child who accepted Jesus to grow in faith and knowledge of God.

Praises for a great time building relationships at the special needs children's home in Chiba. The BBQ event was a huge step forward in gaining trust and building friendship with the staff and children there. Prayer for next steps in this ministry.

Praises for a vehicle! A 7 seat minivan was "given" to us (11 months of the year, anyway) by a generous Christian family we never met before! We didn't need a vehicle, but having one to use when needed is a great benefit to us personally and for ministry.

Praises for Jeremy being able to attend International Hi-BA camp and having a great time and making some new friends! Praises for Ayumi building good friendships with 3 girls who attend her school.

40 children attended VBS this year, the majority had not heard the gospel before. But by the end, most had invited Jesus into their hearts.



## Special Kids, Special Needs

Last year, we promised the Special Needs Children's Home a barbecue for staff and kids and this year, we delivered on that promise. To our surprise, even some of the parents came out to join in the fun!

God grieves for children living through difficult family situations, especially when they must live away from their families. We had a chance to share Jesus's love with a few of them.



## Supporting Our Ministry

It is through consistent prayer and financial gifts from our supporters that we are here serving the Lord in Japan! If you'd like to send us a gift or sign up for regular support, you can do so on the JEMS website. <http://www.jems.org/support/>

Please pray for Jayne and the kids to transition into school well.

Please pray for discernment in ministry opportunities as they come up and for the Lord to make his will for us clear in terms of where we should spend our time.

Please pray for opportunities to share the gospel with friends, students, and family. Pray that the Holy Spirit will use us when we don't have the right words.