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Today we got hit with about nine inches of snow, so it has become a good day to write a prayer letter.

"Comrad in Arms" With His Lord!

We were shocked and saddened at the passing of fellow BIMl missionary and soldier of Christ Rick Conrad. He passed away on the field here February 20. Brother Rick (64) was faithful to his Lord for 28 years as a missionary. We will dearly miss his gentle smile and seeing his fervent love for the Lord and the Japanese people. He pastored faithfully for 25 years at one church in a city not far from us in Tokyo. Please keep his wife Beth and their three children Paul, Grace and Peter in your prayers as they will need God's grace at this time. Also remember the Christians of Faith Baptist Church in Sagamihara as they will no doubt face hardship as to where to go from here.

3/11 First Year Anniversary Memories Upon Us!

The first anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami and the awful memories of that day are hauntingly upon us. We thank you for those who gave toward that relief effort. Daily we feel earthquake activity going on. The number of earthquakes in Japan just in February with magnitudes of between 2-6 has hit 318!

Of magnitudes over six there was one (6.7).

Of magnitudes over five there have been 13.

Of magnitudes over four there have been 83!

Of magnitudes over three there have been 161!

Of magnitudes over two there have been 60.

Recently a prominent Japanese newspaper came out with an article saying there is a 70% probability that Tokyo will be hit directly by a strong earthquake of a magnitude of 7 or higher within four years. The data for this study was compiled by a University of Tokyo research team. They reported that if a magnitude 7.3 earthquake occurs directly under northern Tokyo Bay, over 11,000 people are expected to die and about 850,000 will buildings be rendered totally unusable or destroyed by fire.

All of this said, it's just a simple reminder of how fragile we are without God in control. God knows what is in the future for each one of us, and we need to trust in His foreknowledge. He knows what we can handle as Christians.

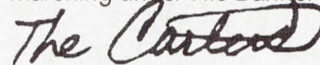
Visitors Still Keep Coming!

As you may remember in our last prayer letter, we closed out 2011 with 67 visitors to our church. We are happy to report that God continues to send visitors our way. In January and February we have had 12 visitors! Praise His name! We have seen many of them continue to come week after week.

Of these, one lady, Yukari, came with four of her children three weeks ago. Actually, she was a neighborhood friend of our third youngest son John almost 15 years ago now. Please pray for her to continue to come and to be saved. We also have seen an American, Mike, come whose wife is Japanese. Pray he can get her to come visit our church as she has no interest at present.

We continue on faithfully for our Lord, and we thank you for your faithfulness to us as well in prayer and support. The dollar stays weak and limits our work, but our faith in Him stays strong, as a result of your prayers for us! Thank you and God bless!

Marching under His Banner of Love,



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