



## From the Editor

Hot...hot...hot... It must be August. That's right, it's a hot summer this year, and the annual camps have flashed past us once again. The lake where we hold them was a great way of cooling off from the summer heat.

We hope you are enjoying the lovely summer heat, or staying warm in the winter.

Thank you for continuing to read our monthly news and prayer points. We hope you will be inspired to pray with us as we follow God's will for Japan.

Blessings, Ben.

## News & Prayer Points

August this year is an especially hot and humid month. Many Japanese have died or been **hospitalised from heat-related** causes; pray for health and salvation for Japanese people.

Please pray with us for **opportunities** to follow up with contacts made through camps, and that people would draw closer to our loving saviour.

Please pray for **Madi** as she spends her final few weeks in Australia and then settles in as a new worker in Japan..

Pray also for **Peter** as he prepares to join us in 2011.

Pray for Carla as she looks to get her Japanese **drivers licence** in the near future, and for God to **provide cars** for those in need.

Pray also for the Lees as they begin a 12month **internship at Otsu church** from september.



## JAPANESE SUMMER LIFE.

**August in Japan symbolizes many things.** For school kids it's about school holidays, beaches and bbqs, for the working masses a few days off work to return to the family home for Obon [festival of the dead].

Then there are the firework festivals lighting up the summer nights, and it wouldn't be August without watermelon to cool down.

For many of the missionaries here, the second half of August is a chance for a break, as church ministries take a few slower weeks. Of course, to get to the holidays one had to survive the fun and sun of the WEC summer camps [pic].

Although the numbers at the camps were not as high as expected, the general mood was very good. It was a great opportunity to relax on the beach, try some water sports, and learn about Jesus.

Meanwhile the old Kusatsu church building was demolished this month [pic] by a Japanese carpenter, a handful of missionaries, a team of 17 visiting us from Korea, plus Peter from Hong Kong, who is preparing to join our field-team in 2011. This will make way for a new building better suited to the church's purposes.

Speaking of new workers, Madi from Australia will be getting on a plane in September as she follows Jesus' call to join us long-term here in Japan. Madi (20) will be going into a home stay situation in Kyoto as she studies Japanese.

They say a picture paints a thousand words, so I thought I might leave you with a photo collage of august.

Happy reading.