



# Seeds of Grace

Reaching people. Planting churches... in Japan

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## From the Editor

Merry Christmas from Japan! Yesterday we had our first snow of the winter in Shiga Prefecture. This coming week all of our churches have many Christmas events and outreaches, just as I am sure you do too in your own countries. May you have a blessed Christmas time remembering the birth of Jesus.

Jessica

## News and Prayer Points

Pray for the **Christmas Candle services** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – we always hope for many not-yet Christians to attend with their friends and family to hear the good news.

Jill Carey Smith has recently headed back to NZ for some **furlough time**, and Bee Choo to Singapore. Jessica and Ben will return to Australia next month for 7 months.

Madi Robb has also had to return to Australia for visa reasons – pray for God’s leading for her as she hopes to come back ASAP.

**Our field leaders, Martin and Julie** and family will return to Japan after Christmas.

Pray for our **Japanese pastors**. There will be a few movements of pastors between WEC churches next year so we pray for them and the congregations to adapt well.

Praise God for the **recent baptisms** in some of our churches and pray for these people as they keep walking forward with their faith.



## Outreach in Yamashina

Over the past month 12000 invitations were handed out in Yamashina, Kyoto to advertise a Christmas Charity Concert. WEC Japan Korean missionaries ChungKyu and EonMee Lee had a vision to put on a concert that would bless their community, share the gospel message, as well as raise money for the Tsunami victims.

The concert was held last weekend and we were so happy to see God moving to bring a good number of people from the community along. Along with a beautiful harp performance by Catherine Porter, there was also a choral made up of mothers from a local school (pictured above), a children’s performance by a very hungry caterpillar and Winnie the Pooh, a Christmas message by Pastor Tamada, a solo sung by Saki Sugawara and a gospel hula dance performance.

*We pray that through this concert many people would understand more about the name of Jesus, and the reason for Christmas as well as become more interested in the churches presence in Yamashina.*

Please pray along with us.

