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From the Editor

It takes all kinds of people to assist in church planting. This month Klara, from Germany, shares how she has been tutoring one of our missionary kids for the past ten months. By doing this, she has enabled his parents to almost complete their job of handing over leadership of Kusatsu church, where they've been serving for 24 years.

News and Prayer Points

Chungkyu and Eonmee Lee are our new Field Leaders. They are supported by Rita Feldt as Deputy, and Jaehyun Choi, Peter Wilson and Edi Wilson as field committee members.

Mr Kawamura just got baptized after many years of coming to Kusatsu church. Ms Shimokawa became a church member the same day. Likewise, Rita Feldt is encouraged that Ms Rin and Mr Ejima are about to become members of Ishiyama church. Praise God for his work.

Masajo, who got baptized one year ago in Kusatsu, is going through a tough time. Her 1 yr old nephew became suddenly seriously ill in May. The whole family is wondering if he ever will get well again and to what degree. Please pray for them.

Gisela and Juergen Gaub will lead a karate camp this month where they hope to share God's love with parents and children, and say goodbye.

Catherine Porter had a car accident. She will need to take a break from harp concerts until her arm is better, as the skin was badly damaged. Please pray for her recovery.

Short term worker Klara (here for 10 months) with Silas



Teaching German, in Japan!

When I was in the last year of training to become a librarian, I started to think of what I should do next. One of the first things I saw was an advert for a librarian in Bulstrode (WEC UK). Meanwhile the German WEC base sent me two other opportunities. Despite having a heart defect, I could go to Indonesia or Japan! I heard that in Japan my main job would be to help a 13 year old boy with downs syndrome to learn German. "No way!" I thought, "I can't work with a 13 years old boy, especially with downs syndrome!" But time after time God changed my mind and in September I left my family and pets to go to Japan.

In the beginning my student Silas was a little bit shy, but now we are really close, and he is like a brother to me. (Of course I'm still his teacher too.) I help him to improve his reading and writing and increase his word pool to prepare him for the German school where he has to go soon. But teaching was not the only thing I did this year. I had the possibility to meet a lot of new people, places and ways of living. I learned

that trusting in God is our only hope and that He never leaves us alone. I also had an insight into Japanese churches. Something that people should know about Christianity in Japan is that it is really difficult to have serious talks about faith with Japanese people. Religion in Japan is not only religion. It's part of people's culture and history. In nearly every house [in rural areas] there is a small shrine. Japan needs a break through like Korea had in the 1960s.

In mid-July I'll go back to Germany, but Japan will forever be in my memory.

by Klara Jänicke

— Do pray too for Silas Gaub as he starts school in Germany in September. Also for his brother Michi-Lucas who will stay with the Wilsons so as to complete high school in Japan; for Nathanael in Germany, and Simone in USA, as they finish some university studies and look for God's guidance for the future; and for parents Juergen and Gisela as they take up roles with the WEC sending base in Germany - supporting others to serve overseas.