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The View From JAPAN...

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Our Beautiful News

A mother and daughter are both baptized on the same day

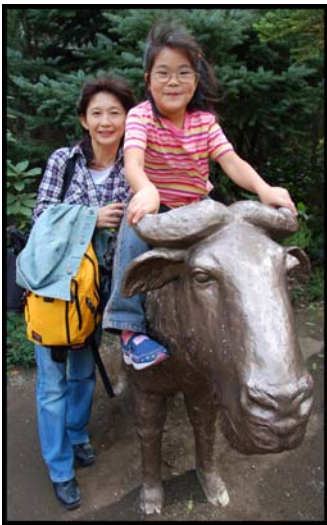
There are few events that thrill us in Japan like seeing a new believer being baptized. All the more were we excited when Rika Ito, along with her young "English whiz" daughter, Lina, were BOTH baptized by Pastor Kenji Ushioda at Izumi CP Church on Sunday morning, December 23rd, 2007.



A sacred moment

Rika and Lina first came to Izumi Church solely for our English classes; but God had so much more in mind for them!

It's difficult finding words to express the joy we feel at seeing Rika and Lina take this huge step of faith. Please pray for them as often as God brings them to your mind -- their journey has only just begun...



Pray for JAPAN

There is no greater power available to us than that which comes from sincerely praying for others in Jesus' name. With this in mind, in every issue we will tell you about some specific ways you can help pray for us in Japan:

---Please pray for our **Bethel English Language Program** (currently 10 classes in 4 different churches). Many of the students are not Christians, and for some of them this is the only contact with followers of Jesus they have ever had in their lives. Pray that we will be sensitive yet bold in declaring the message of Jesus to them.

---Pray about the **General Assembly** coming to Japan in June, the first GA to ever be held outside of the USA. Japan Presbytery has put an incalculable amount of energy and time into preparing for this historic event. Pray that God will bless us all, and open our eyes to see that ours is truly a GLOBAL church.

---Pray for **Minori**, 14, who will take her high school entrance exams in January. American students have no concept of the pressure put on students in these exams; pray she will have peace and do her best.

---Pray for **Chieko**, who has found she needs a hip replacement in March; she has been told she will need to remain hospitalized for 7 weeks, so pray for a fast recovery.

---Pray for **Pastor Satoh**, currently studying at Memphis Theological Seminary; also pray for his wife, Tsuruko, and their daughter, Fumika, and son, Tabito. We miss them!

Sagamino International Fellowship "Christmas Dinner 2007"

Our international fellowship at Sagamino CP Church is a small but incredibly dynamic team. Guided by Pastor Orlando Garcia and his wife Michiko, the group includes people from Peru, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Japan and the USA. We sing songs in Japanese, English, Portuguese, and Spanish -- all in one worship service.

On Sunday night, December 23rd, 2007, we held our first-ever **Foreigners' Christmas Dinner**, a free evangelistic event featuring a sumptuous Christmas feast and two songs performed by our worship team. Thanks to God, over 30 people attended -- over 10 of them being newcomers!

It was an exhausting effort, but we were truly humbled to have this chance to reach out to so many new friends.



Over 30 people joined our dinner



Four beauties from our Fellowship

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