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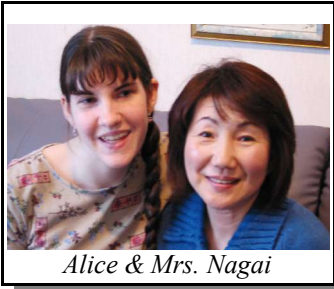


Dear Praying Friends,

February 2006

Greetings from snowy northern Hokkaido! We know our north-eastern acquaintances understand our weather a little better after this last weekend when they were hit with a large snow storm! Now triple or quadruple that and you have our area for four months of the year. We praise God for a warm house and warm hearts and the hope of spring that we always look forward to. The Lord recently impressed upon our hearts also in our family devotions, this verse:(I Chron. 23:30) **And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even;** Although we may not know what may happen throughout the day, we should thank & praise God for all the day holds—then in the evening again thank God in spite of the trials that may have come. The reason we wanted to apply it that way is that it seems as though there has been so many unexpected and sudden turns in our lives and work, that all we can do is trust the Lord—that His way is perfect. This is not always easy and we appreciate your continued prayers that we WILL not only trust but also thank Him for all that has and will come our way.

The most recent reason for these thoughts is that we are saddened to report that **Alice Straughan will be leaving Teshio** the same day we do in February to return to the USA. Her father and church are requiring her to leave here to go to another ministry as yet unknown. It is a sad situation and not any fault of Alice's or our desire for her to leave. She has done a fine job in serving Christ here with us in Teshio over the past two years. We pray that she will be able to return to Japan in the near future with another ministry. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to be a part of her training and spiritual growth during this time and pray only for God's blessing on her life.



Alice & Mrs. Nagai

One of the ladies who has been a part of our local ladies' chorus group is being transferred via her husband's job. She has been one who helped Alice understand the music we sang as well as helping with her Japanese study. We asked her to stop by this last week before we leave. As a result we were able to witness to her for about 45 minutes. The Lord had prepared her heart through some reading she had done by a famous Japanese Christian author. Although we may not see her on earth again we praise God for the opportunity and the joy to see her eagerly accept a book of John along with a study on that book as well as some other tracts. She also took home with her information on one of our fellow missionary

churches in the Sapporo area where she and her husband will be living after they complete their last two years with the school system. **Please add Mrs. Nagai to your prayer list** and praise God with us for the seeds that were planted and watered.

Thank you for **praying for our preparation** for the ladies' retreat and reporting time at Lighthouse Baptist Church near Yokohama, Japan. Vicki has finished her notes for the three times she will be speaking there and other preparation for both that reporting time and the rest of our trip in the States has almost been completed. We leave on the 21st for Zama-shi, Kanagawa-ken, spend a week there and leave for the States on the 27th. We will return on the 13th of April. Besides our air flights we will also be driving from Kansas to North Carolina and back as well as from North Carolina up the east coast as far north as Massachusetts and back to North Carolina. We covet your continued prayers for this reporting time.

- Praise & Prayer requests:**
1. the Lord's watch care over the work here while we are gone.
 2. the need to finalize a home church while in the States
 3. a high school age young man has applied for the summer internship program. We desire at least 2 more high school or college age young men to join him. *Pass the word!*
 4. for our believers to take the needed step of baptism

Serving Christ Together,
Ken and Vicki Mansell

Just A Prayer At Night – your evening is our daytime