

Merry Christmas

...to you and to your loved ones from Fred & Jane!

Thank you for your continued support in helping to meet our needs in the work of reaching children for Christ and in training adults.

It's a busy time for all in CEF of Japan and will continue to be so until Christmas/New Year's day. The churches we attend also have their programs chock-full of various events.

The annual ten churches and CEF events was the "23rd Everyone's Christmas," with many adults and over 23 children attending. (Not all of the children attended the children's meeting.)

Fred gave the Christmas message and then the invitation to receive Christ. Whereupon 3rd-grade Miyu shyly raised her hand. Jane, sitting on the sidelines, saw her arm go up once and waited until she raised it a second time before approaching her to be counseled.

Mayu had never been to a church, nor had heard about Christ. However, her mother seeing an invitation to the Christmas event tucked in a newspaper, brought her two children.

Jane: "Why did you come to be counseled?"
Mayu: "Because I don't want to go to that scary place [hell]."

Jane: "What did Jesus do so that you wouldn't have to go to that scary place?"

Mayu: "He died on the cross and rose from the dead."

Wow! That was the first time she had ever heard about Christ! Mayu invited the Lord into her heart and received further counseling, was encouraged to tell someone what she had done. She knew no one at the meeting and started leaving; however, Jane went with her, giving her a New Testament.

They met Mayu's mother and brother, who were waiting at the exit. Jane discovered Mother had never attended church either, nor was there one nearby their home. As Jane talked with Mayu's mother, to her surprise, Mayu said, "I believed on Jesus." Jane encouraged Mayu to read the "Wonder Book," given to all the

children, and to start on Mailbox Club Correspondence Course. Jane asked the mother for their address, but was declined -- a disappointment -- but the Lord gave assurance that He would look after this family, encouraging Jane to pray continually for them.

Although she knows little about Mayu's family, Jane is glad that the Lord knows *all* about them. And she knows that He will never ever leave nor forsake Mayu and that He is in control! Praise God for His love for children! (Pray for Mayu!)



← Jane's only picture taken during Christmas message includes Mayu and her brother...God's providence!

Michio, helping → children make Christmas trees at Ishioka Christmas Party



A Christmas Party in Ishioka (city next door) saw 32 children, including 5 jr. highers, two of latter Jane counseled. They seemed unable to discern reality from fantasy, were given several salvation verses, including John 14:6, with no obvious result except for one asking, as he left, "Did Jesus really rise from the dead?" The Lord knows their hearts, will guide re: follow-up, too.

Please pray for: 1) effective follow-up on all children 2) effective GNCs in Ibaraki and in Yamaguchi, the latter had a **Birthday Party for Jesus** on 12/23, 9 attended! 3) church outreach to children 4) **Fred to receive surgery for right hip joint replacement** (when certain, will relay exact date ASAP); 1/5: receive pre-surgery exam and info re: surgery, a month's stay in hospital is the norm 3) **Fred**, as he prepares things at CEF before hospitalization 4) **Jane**, as she "holds the fort...at home!"

Thanks again! We're waiting for **Jesus' Coming Again**...trust you are, too!

A Blessed 2011 to you, too!
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