

UPDATE: MG International's ministry journey to Japan, October, 2011

Dear Friends:

Another year is about to be completed, and as usual, there is a lot taking place in our lives, isn't there? Hopefully, soon, our newsletter **UNDER THE PALM TREE** will be prepared for the mail, both U. S. Postal and email! Before this takes place, we want to focus on our journey to Japan, specifically, for those of you that have been inquiring. First, we are so grateful for your love and prayers. Many of you also gave financially so that we could raise our airfare and expenses as well. Soon you will receive a personal thank you letter, along with your receipt for tax deduction purposes. Our apology that it has taken awhile to get this done. This has been due to Rick's business travel and Pastor Mary's health. She is on the "mend" though! Praise God!

It was a miraculous time...the biggest miracle of all being salvations! Even before our first "official" time of ministry, a young mother, who had been in church for many years was struggling that she did not seem to be having victory in her life, even though by outward appearances it looked that way. The problem was....she really had not experienced salvation, being born again, even though she had been attending church for years and years! It was quite a battle, with many of her friends praying for us as we ministered truth to her, and the Holy Spirit broke through! We were at a private home for dinner when this took place, actually invited to this home specifically to minister to several teenagers that would not be able to attend the Oil of Beauty Conference, where Mary "Gerri" was the speaker, because it was during their school hours. They had attended the O of B Conference held last year in Kanazawa, Japan (this year it was held in another city). They wanted Pastor Mary to pray over them again. Praise God! The young woman was one of the mother's of one of the teens! When the Holy Spirit broke through, she wept and wept with JOY!

That same evening, a young teenage boy (about 16), took his turn to receive prayer and the Holy Spirit spoke to Mary's heart that he was called to be a Pastor....she stated that, and then she said again very emphatically, "In fact, you WILL be a Pastor." She must have said that same statement about three times along with some other things the Lord was ministering to him about. Afterward, she found out through a Pastor that was present, that a few years ago, at a church camp he said that he was going to be a Pastor, and then, because of peer pressure...he fell away from his call! Again, how wonderful the Lord is...He let him know that "He WILL be a Pastor!!!!"

We had a precious time at the Oil of Beauty Conference, coordinated by such a wonderful team that coordinated last year's Conference. They had really spread the word from last year, and we had a full house! The leader of the Coordinating Committee told us afterward that everyone that she hoped would come was there; and that she hadn't even had the time to speak personally to many of them to make sure

that they would try to come. They just showed up! Sounds like the Holy Spirit was definitely in charge, hmm??? Rebecca Napier and Judith Landy did one of their “famous” new skits portraying the sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. This was practically “on the spot” ministry and they did a great and anointed job! Hallelujah!



Above at Oil of Beauty

Pastor Mary and those travelling with her, Rebecca Napier and Judith Landy, were in Japan for 16 days. Mary preached the two Sundays they were there, at two different churches, Karobe Baptist Church and Uzou Church. Both are in Toyama Prefecture where we had our base of operations, staying with and hosted by Pastor Ruth Wahrer, Pastor Mary also spoke at Toyama Aglow. One of our favorite times of sharing is

always at the Kindergarten School in the city of Toyama and greeting our friend Miss Okuhara, Principal, Aoba Kindergarten School, Toyama City. We presented them



with an additional plush toy lamb mascot (they already had Sandy the Surfer lamb from a few years ago, that they still keep in a place of prominence, and utilize for story telling! Our ministry is sending each of the children a little plush lamb as a special gift for their 100 yr. celebration in December. (If anyone would like to donate toward the cost of the lambs, it would be very helpful to us because the postage is also quite expensive---we must get them into the mail within the next week.)



This year, we had the privilege of being invited to an important meeting in the city of Fukushima, Japan. You most likely recognize the name, because that is where the nuclear reactor is located that was damaged during the earthquake and tsunami March 11, 2011 (3-11) in Japan. In the photo above, lower left, Pastor Mary presented one of the key community leaders (forgive us...we cannot find her business card---another Japanese

name!) with wonderful crocheted baby blankets donated by Wanda Taylor, a precious woman from our home church, Mission Viejo Christian Church, (where Mary is the Pastor of Prayer), in MV, California. Below, is the 100 yr- old church in Fukushima, where her Father was the previous Senior Pastor, and now her brother is. (See photo also below with her family and some of the other community activists below, along with Pastor Mary, Rebecca and Judith.)



The evening we arrived in Fukushima. We spent one night in the city, after our meeting; and returned to Toyama the following day, but not before we visited a former Sumauri castle in the city. Mary's generational line is Sumauri ! The call of God on the ancient Sumurai was to chop the head off of the demons, **NOT** people, in the **Name of Jesus! Amen?....Hallelujah!**

These are precious children that have been relocated from another school that is within the government boundaries of the nuclear leakage. We distributed little toy lambs to each child! Thanks to all of you that made this possible.



They were all waiting for their little lambs. The little girl below was in the school for her very first day, so she was quite unsure of everything. We could tell that she was very

by the earthquake and the tsunami that had taken place also. Before we left she gave us a faint smile.



“Bless her and ALL of the little ones, Lord.”

This would not be complete without a photo of our hostess, Pastor Ruth Wahrer, Sr. Pastor of Uzou Church, holding her new handbag handmade by Rita Chu, a dear Saint from our home church, Mission Viejo Christian Church, MV, California! So, keep scrolling down (smile).



That's it for now...this will be used as a rough (very rough) draft for **UNDER THE PALM TREE**, with a review of the entire year, 2011...this update is only in regard to 16 days!!! Think it might be time for a nap! Hallelujah!

NOTE: We were not able to go into Kiwa-Cho in Mie Prefecture where the school building is that we are praying about either leasing or buying or (?) because of mudslides into the valley. Many of you know the story about this school. For those that do not, we will let you know more information in the future.

With love to you all,
Rick and Mary "Gerri"