



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

December 2008

Dear Prayer Supporters,

“Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” Luke 2:10

As we approach this Joyous time of the year, we praise the Lord for the great joy we have in His salvation.

Often we are reminded, as we share our burden for Japan, how blessed we are to have been brought up in a country where we could hear about Christ. We could have grown up in Japan surrounded with Buddhism and Shintoism all our life and be taught to pray to our ancestors, but God chose to allow us to be born in America. As you remember your Savior’s birth this Christmas, would you say a prayer for the millions of Japanese who have never heard about Jesus or even our Savior’s name?

Life has been busy in the Riffel household. We have been ministering in churches throughout Florida, Alabama, and Georgia for the past two months. A supporting church in Pensacola graciously provided a missionary house for us to stay in and use as a base for our travels. Praise the Lord we were able to be in 24 different churches for October and November including several mission conferences. The Lord has really blessed as people have made decisions, shown much interest, and shared lots of questions about the needs in Japan. Several churches have told us they would love to take us on for support and will let us know if they can do so in January when they decide on their missions giving, so please pray they can.



Please keep praying for our travels. Abigail is keeping mommy and daddy very busy as she is rolling over and eating rice cereal now. We praise the Lord that even with the travels she has stayed healthy because of your prayers. Many of you have requested we send an update of our schedule so we included it on the back of this letter. Please pray that God will give us more meetings to fill up this schedule so we can get to Japan as soon as possible.

Thank you all so much for your prayers for us during these busy times. Your prayers keep us energized and encouraged from one meeting to the next. The Lord encouraged us the other day. We had become a little discouraged that no one had taken us on in a while and began praying even harder about it. The next day we got a call that Trinity Baptist Church in Milton, FL had voted to take us on increasing our support to 25%. God is so good! It was just the reminder we needed that, “Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”

Merry Christmas!!!
Michael, April, and Abigail

