

May your Christmas be meaningful and your New Year filled with hope!

I've been reading the Apostle Paul's letter to one of his supporting churches, the church at Philippi. Philippians 4 is especially meaningful as he reminds them *NOT to be anxious* but to offer their prayers and petitions with thanksgiving. I've been trying to practice this and invite you to as well. Let's rejoice about things and people we've prayed for in 2011, and give thanks for:

- Yoshiko's decision to accept Christ's work on the cross.
- The world's response to Tohoku and the disaster of 3.11 [For an update, **please** watch: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMtMg1t9Kbc> . It's 8 min. but very meaningful!]
- My and Yuri's opportunity to join supporters on an Israel tour.
- Saying *Sayounara* to Doug and Sharon after 42 years of faithful service in Japan.
- Increased interest in our Bible studies.
- Kid's Cooking, Discover Tsu! and other new classes with new students!!
- Deepening friendships with our nine 'Neighborhood Restaurants'
- 60 years as a mission in Japan.
- Friends and students who are

PHOTO: Ron & Joan Stoller, Yuri Nakano, Reed clan, Amber, Lengefeld clan, me at a surprise Kyoto Birthday Party!



honestly searching for meaning-in-life.

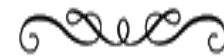
- New signage which helped sharpen our image and draw new students.
- Bill and Luci Lengefeld's timely visit and help with holiday events.
- Vibrant Dormitory Students!
- God's continued Blessing on CEC events and classes, especially uring this Christmas season!

Thank you so much for your faithfulness to the Lord and to me this past year! Your prayers and support 'made a difference' in Japan!!

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HOLIDAY EVENTS:

- Dec 09: My birthday (lasted a week!! ☺)
- Dec 11: CrossRoad – “Advent”
- Dec 14: Distribute Homemade Goodies to our Neighbors & chosen Restaurants
- Dec 16: Movie Night: “The Grinch”
- Dec 16-22: Christmas Parties in EACH of my classes (mostly in my home.)
- Dec 22: End-of-Term!
- Dec 25: CrossRoad /Monthly Event – “Christmas at the Center”
- Dec 27-28: Missionary Christmas
- Jan 01: New Year's Day!
- Jan 07: New Term Begins!
- Jan 08: CrossRoad – “New Year”
- Jan 20: Movie Night: “How to Train Your Dragon “ [2012 is the year of the dragon☺]
- Jan 21: Monthly Event – Conversation Café (with Un. Of Mie Band ensembles)
- Jan 22: CrossRoad – “Talent Night”



Please pray for the following –

- 1. FRIENDS:** that our six friends who are close to faith would accept the Lord's invitation SOON!
- 2. JANUARY TERM:** that we would have some new students with seeking hearts.
- 3. Japan Baptist Conference:** the JBC and her leaders have some VERY important meetings in the next few months; Needed: wisdom and discernment
- 4. CHRISTMAS:** that God would make Himself known to those who participate in our events and classes—in yours too!☺

“Do not be anxious ...but in everything, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds...”
Philippians 4:6

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