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Dear Friend,

More of the same... which we think is a GOOD thing!!! Outreach. Serving. Missions. Progress. The spring semester is in full swing, and as usual, we have a LOT going on. Pray for us, for perfect pacing, for divine stamina, and most of all, for lasting fruit.



GO! Conference with Pastor Norman Nakanishi

Jesus told us to, "Go and make disciples." So in mid-March, our fearless leader from Grace Bible Church Pearlside swept through Yokohama and imparted his heart for sharing Christ with others. ***Our Every Nation Japan churches gathered together and got freshly inspired to Each One, Reach One.*** We've already been seeing more guests in church and hearing more stories of people reaching out relationally. Thank you, Pastor Norman!



Serving in Sendai during Spring Break

This was Ted's 3rd work trip to the devastated Tohoku area, and a very satisfying one. Five non-church friends joined in for a team of twenty. ***We did the typical "mud out" job, which involved scooping, prying, yanking, hauling, sweeping, and the like.*** It was a joy to work with the Samaritan's Purse organization again, and great to see the home of the Wako family prepped for the carpenters to start rebuilding. After our 3rd work day, one boy prayed to receive Christ over ramen!



A Great Trip to Sapporo in mid-April

The first Grace Bible Church in Japan is way up north in Sapporo, the largest city on the island of Hokkaido. Over its 30 years, the church has seen many ups and downs, and is currently recovering from a tough season. ***Ted was asked to visit and share about small group ministry, and the people were a joy to teach!*** The youth in the church have some great potential also, so we are all praying for an upward surge for this precious congregation in the near future.



Hawaii Boy in God's Big Leagues: Shawn & Sarah Withy-Allen

Shawn found Christ as a back-up QB for Timmy Chang at UH in 1999. Now he's Pastor of Student Ministries at Manna Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and ***oversees outreach at 17 campuses, where they saw 282 salvations last year!*** They're also crazy-effective in missions, especially in Guatemala and Eastern Europe. Can't say we taught him how to do all this! But he recently told Ted, *"I still remember the first time I met you guys at Taco Bell at UH. I was very happy in my sin and hoped to not see you guys again – then without realizing it I walked right into your meeting after seeing a flier!"*

Such a privilege to be in the middle of all this action. Your prayers and support are our lifeline!

With love & gratitude,

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Just a random add-in here!

For no apparent reason, we encouraged the youth to bring a crazy hat to our service a couple of weeks ago, and it turned out to be a pretty fun afternoon. Thought you'd enjoy a few pictures. :)

