



THE MANSELLS

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Dear Praying Friends,

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Greetings from Japan again. We appreciate your prayers for us over the last few months especially with the different schedules we have had and the two of us being in separate places through much of it. We returned to Teshio on Friday the 27th arriving at home around 7:00 a.m.!! After 2 months of traveling over 10,000 miles and then the 30 plus hours of our return trip, we were glad to be home again. We praise God for the safety given over the long miles in just 7 weeks. Here is a synopsis of that time.

Ken's arrival: On March 1st Ken safely met Vicki in Kansas where we stayed just a couple days before beginning the road trip driving to N.C. for the first section. There we were with our son, Pastor Richard Mansell and his family for a couple days before heading to Virginia where we were gathering with our children and their families.

Eye check: While in N.C. Vicki had her annual complete eye check as well as a glaucoma this this year. We praise God for two things after this visit: they were concerned about glaucoma starting a year ago but for now think that is NOT an issue; secondly, while having that exam they discovered she had an almost torn retina in the right eye and immediately scheduled a laser treatment for the following day with a retinologist. They were amazed that it hadn't torn completely when they discussed the possible time periods it might have happened and Vicki explained it was probably about 10 days before hand. She was able to give witness of God's grace and protection. There is complete healing there now and she knows to not ignore 'floaters' in the future if it would re-occur.

Dad Coat's Home going: Just before we left N.C. we got the phone call that the Lord had answered our prayers for a quick ending of Dad's leukemia suffering when the pain and side effects became too extreme. And again we thanked the Lord that Vicki was able to spend a very wonderful memory filled 3 months with her folks and family in Wisconsin which helped the pain of separation. His godly advice and smile will be greatly missed but we are blessed with the precious hope of reunion in heaven. Mom Coats is doing well in her adjustments and we enjoyed one week with her after the God honoring memorial service of helping her around the home with various tasks that needed to be accomplished.

Family gathering: Our three children and their families gathered outside of Harrisonburg, Virginia for a few days of relaxation and just being together. With them all in different States we can't always get to each place, let alone the fact that they can't get with each other. We had to cut short the week by 3 days due to the need to travel to Wisconsin for Dad Coats' memorial service but were so glad for God's timing in all of it and that we had a wonderful four days together there.

Reporting time: We enjoyed fellowshiping with 3 of our supporting churches and two others in Virginia, Wisconsin, Illinois, Washington, Nebraska and Kansas. We were challenged by the preaching in two missions' conferences as well as the fellowship of many fellow laborers across the country. Our special thanks to each of those churches for their hospitality and help in so many ways .

Teshio: We praise God also for His continued protection over our believers here in our absence; their faithfulness, and for fellow missionary John Mather holding the fort for us for a couple days each week. Because he had his own ministry to watch over on Sundays our ladies gathered together with a laptop and downloaded sermons in Japanese. What a blessing this day and age of technology can be when used correctly.

Summer Interns: We praise God that one young lady will be coming for the summer internship and there is another young lady from one of our supporting churches in the process of application. We really want at least two here at a time so trust this all works out. Pray for their paperwork as well as their needs to be met for their time here in Teshio and for someone to be saved as a result of their time here.

Baby Announcement! Richard & Angela Mansell announced the birth of their 2nd daughter, Emma Grace born on 3/18, Resurrection Sunday! She joins her older sister, Abigail Joy and we are thrilled to know they are well and rejoicing together. Pray for Alicia (Mansell) Appel as she finishes out the last trimester of her 2nd pregnancy as well with the baby due some time in June.

Prayer requests:

1. Full schedule begins on May 7th. New English teachers Ken will be working with for salvation.
2. For contacts that need to be followed up including Mayor Honda who has just retired and has promised to begin a Bible study with Ken. Praise for the new mayor Mr. Asada is a man we know and he also attended the Christmas program this last December.
3. For our ladies to be given permission by unsaved husbands to be baptized
4. Mr. Hashimoto finally retired from his full time job. Pray that he would again start coming to Sunday services.
5. For our zeal and desire to see souls saved to continue at a high level and new and great opportunities of witnessing take place

Serving Christ Together,

Ken and Vicki Mansell

Just A Prayer At Night – your evening is our daytime