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Dear Praying Friends,

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"and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe." II Sam. 2:18b

"He got his first buck!" We're not sure how light a wild roe's feet are, but we know how much their body weighs. It weighs enough to smash in the front of our van. We also know that it is the will of God to give thanks in all things. [1Thess 5:18](#)- In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ~~ And so we do give thanks for the Lord's will in this accident. Through it, Ken was able to witness and give tracts to a passing motorist who gave him a ride to the police station in the next town, to the policeman, the tow truck driver (the radiator was smashed into the engine block so would not run) and the body repairman that he's been witnessing to for years (here in Teshio) and had been meaning to get back out to talk to him again. Isn't God good! God also knows that the \$500 towing bill and the repair to our vehicle (roughly \$5000) is not covered by our insurance since we dropped that type of coverage last year to cut costs out of our budget. We are excited to see what great things God has planned for this "accident" in the will of God. We trust the Lord gives you many ways to look at and rejoice with the events that take place in your life from day to day whether good or bad.



Renewed Computer~~ As many of you are receiving this letter after several months' "silence" you must know we are glad to have a basic prayer letter list put back in place after the crash of our main computer for this part of the ministry. Although we know our supporting churches shared the hard copy letters with the members we also appreciate this way of instant and immediate prayer support when these letters go out and a much wider praying field. Thank you for your patience with us as we worked through what we lost on the computer and tried to put it back together! If there is anyone you know that should have been put back on this list but didn't receive this email please DO let us know. We are sure there are some we have not been able to find since we always used Blind Carbon Copy to send out letters and cannot go back to past letters to see who we might have forgotten or not found. We had a back up copy of an older email address list but it was too corrupted to open.

October has been a busy month in many ways. The month began with us finishing our time of fellowship and reporting to two military churches in Kanagawa-ken area of Japan (a part of the greater Tokyo metropolitan area). What a blessing that was to us in so many ways. We made many new friends including other Japanese Christians and God blessed the preaching and the working of the Holy Spirit in people's hearts during the mission's conference we took part in, including our own. We also had the fun of seeing a castle and Mt. Fuji for the first time.

We had turned off all propane, unplugged unnecessary electrical items, and turned off the boiler (for heat and for hot water) for the 10 days we were gone. When we returned everything turned back on okay EXCEPT the hot water heater!! Our almost 20 year old unit had given up the ghost, probably with a big sigh, while we were gone. It was too old to try to do any repairs to so it had to be replaced. Life was interesting for the week's time with no hot water and a short very cold spell. We had small electrical kerosene heaters we could use in substitute as needed but hot water had to come out of the tea kettle!! One never misses the ability to easily have a shower until you can't take one! One of our believers kindly arranged for the use of her 'bath area' for one time during that time period and that was a great blessing! One more item to be thankful for and trust the Lord to provide for the funds!

Fall is a pre-winter preparation time for Ken and he has been busy repairing years of water and snow drainage damaged supports and beams to our deck/car port area as well as adding one more drainage roof to the deck so hopefully there won't be so much water draining below to the car port area. He has also spent more time again being able to assist fellow missionaries in Shibetsu, (it was from there that he was returning the night he hit the deer), get some much necessary finishing work done on the outside of their building before



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a company comes in and puts on the siding. We praise God with them that needed step is taking place this year.

English teaching in the schools has had several opportunities, as usual, to share various thoughts based on God's Word to both students and teachers this month. A fellow missionary put together a tract on halloween and why it is not good to take part in such activities and the true meaning behind it. Several times after Ken has handed out this tract, he has been able to discuss the Bible more with especially the teachers. We are thankful to have this aid in telling others what this wicked time of year is all about.

Vicki was busy with various preparation and participation in cultural activities this month. She is thankful the extra practices and hours are finished but enjoyed being with the Japanese people in these events. She'll be busy trying to catch up on household items this coming month and prepare for the yearly missionary gathering here for thanksgiving at the end of the month. She enjoyed helping Ken outside on the deck project for one day this past week and even adventured into the use of the mitre saw!! She thought it was great to learn something new like that at age 57!

Health~~ Ken had his check up early in the month on the kidney stones and there are two that are left from the last surgery that didn't break up enough to pass so we are waiting for the phone call telling us when the next surgery will be. Pain has been constant but has not kept him down so we are thankful for that. More hospital evangelism preparation will be done in the days ahead especially with new verse cards to hand out while there. With changes in diet and more water consumption we trust this will be the last kidney stone removal for awhile. But we will wait on the Lord! **Vicki** had her eye checked the same day and although the 'herpes' is ever present, the eye looks the best it has looked in one year's time. They also took sight measurements and she had new glasses prepared. These are the first ones ever made here in Japan and she seems to be doing fine with them including getting used to progressive tri-focal glasses. We praise God for continued protection of her eye.

Miss Tsuzuki~~Miss Tsuzuki has been quite faithful in attending the English Sunday evening service. She does her homework and usually has at least one comment or question after each study. We have started going through again specific verses having to do with salvation and her need for it. We want God's timing so continue to just plant and water the Seed of the Word knowing that God continues to draw her. Ken keeps inviting the other school teachers to come and one in particular, who is interested in English has said he would, so we also pray that God would draw him and others like him.

Vicki will be taking a short overnight trip with the town ladies' chorus on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4th & 5th. Please pray not only for safety in traveling (by small charter bus) but for wisdom and openness in the witnessing opportunities she will have.

The Lord allowed the timing of a visit of one of the secret believers in town to visit Mrs. Sonoda at the same time Vicki visited. They were able to have a good time of fellowship and prayer together and **Mrs. Hirokawa** shared that one of their 4 sons had gotten saved, married a Christian girl and they just had their first child! Her son not only mentioned that when his Christian college friend kept asking him to come to church with him, he remembered how his mom had prayed with him at night at bedtime. He also mentioned remembering the times he did get to come to a S.S. or Christmas program. God uses ALL point of watering in people's lives...may we always be faithful to plant and water!

Your prayers are an important part of the work here in Teshio and we covet them daily. Thank you for your support of intercessory prayer...Each little step forward is part of your reward in heaven!

Prayer Requests:

1. Salvation of unsaved family members of our believers
2. Open witness amongst families of secret Christians
3. Miss Tsuzuki's salvation
4. Praise for Ken's safe return after the car accident/funds for fixing car
5. Funds for boiler replacement
6. Safety and witnessing opportunities for Vicki's trip
7. Safety in traveling through winter months
8. Timing for Ken's next surgery
9. More to come to Sunday services after personal invitations

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Just A Prayer At Night – your evening is our daytime

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