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## The Mercer Family Newsletter

### First Baptism of 2010



Satomi, Ray, Terra, Dale (fiance) and Teresa

YOKOSUKA - Her smile doesn't look military, but Terra H. is serving in the U.S. Navy. She had recently finished the One2One follow up booklet with Teresa and felt that it was time to obey the Lord and get baptized. Although she was heading out to sea on a long assignment with the aircraft carrier she serves on, she told me she wanted to try to get baptized in June. We prayed and God answered. Her ship was in port for just a few days this month but she got liberty and **last Friday a few of us went to the ocean near Yokosuka Church and baptized her.** It was a bit cold in the water but Terra's face was radiant and the warmth of God's presence more than made up for the Pacific chill.

Afterwards we stopped in a local restaurant for coffee and a snack. We noticed that there was a stage and lots of sound equipment and instruments along with Hawaiian decor. When I told them that Teresa was from Hawaii the **owner's family serenaded us with a live Hawaiian music concert** and invited us back to play music with them anytime. We now have a great connection as well as a wonderful spot to chill out after going to the beach.

May-June, 2010

### 2010 Global Mission Consultation



TOKYO - 100 years after the first global missions consultation (what many refer to as the "birth of modern missions") in Edinburgh, a strategic global consultation of delegates from mission organizations from around the world was held here in May. **I was privileged to attend as an observer** and help host our mission delegates from Every Nation, Dr. Jun Escosar and Pastors Michael Paderes and Jonathan Bocobo.

The vision for continuing the work of Edinburgh 1910 through this event is attributed largely to the late Dr. Ralph Winter. **There were delegates from 110 countries** and the theme was *"Making Disciples of Every People in Our Generation."* I had the feeling that this event was packed with so much significance for the fulfilling of the Great Commission in our lifetime. All I could do was sit and be amazed at how God had brought leaders from all around the globe who were literally giving their lives to focus on how to reach the world for Christ.

More info on Tokyo 2010 Global Missions Consultation is available [online here](#).

## Every Nation Leadership Institute Yokosuka



YOKOSUKA - On May 16th we took a huge step and started our first ministry training school in Yokosuka. We have over 20 students currently enrolled and most plan to finish 10 classes in

the first year. Of course we are not doing this on our own! Yokohama Grace Bible Church is providing video classes in English/Japanese for most of the lessons and the course are taken from Every Nation materials and other great sources (like John C. Maxwell's EQUIP) for leadership training. Our long term vision is to see those who are established in our local church to be **equipped for doing the work of the ministry**. Courses are held on Sunday afternoons and the total cost is only a few dollars per lesson. We have been going for about a month and the combination of bilingual video lesson plus lively discussion and practical homework seems to be working well.



Yokosuka Church Filipina mothers enjoying a meal together

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## Satomi's Parents Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary



TAKETO YO - On May 25th Migiwa and Toshiko Yamada

celebrated their 50th anniversary. Their three children, including Satomi, planned a special surprise party for them including a memory photo slideshow, a live music concert by the grandkids and great food. As I watched this lovely Japanese family love on their parents my heart was filled with thankfulness for the heritage he has given us. James and Alishea love their Oba-chan and Oji-chan and I do too. If they hadn't



been so supportive of me in every way possible who knows if we would be here serving the Lord in Japan. Thank God for wonderful parents-in-law and may our marriage be as long and as blessed as the Yamada's.

## Did You Know?

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