



## Youth News



Our kids still enjoy purikura!

Can you find James and Alishea in this photo? One of the things we do in Japan is take a lot of pictures. The kids like to take pictures in a booth and then print out little stickers which they paste all over their stuff. Here is an example of what the Japanese "print club" or "purikura" machines can do to your face!

By the way, the five kids in this picture are growing into leaders and they will be launching our youth into a new season this week. They will lead our first ever youth meeting on Sunday afternoon. They are planning music, games, and bible teaching. Please pray for them.

## Mercer Family News - New Member!



Satomi's sister Makimi (pictured here in the stripes) has moved to Yokosuka. The kids are glad to have their Auntie living close by and she and Satomi love

talking, shopping and catching up as sisters. Makimi came to help and I am blessed by her servant heart. She is already volunteering at the church every Wednesday doing menial tasks like cleaning and vacuuming. Please pray for her to settle in to our church family as well as she has with our natural family. Also please pray for Makimi's parents (Satomi's mom and dad) and the church in Taketoyo who released her to move way over here and help us!

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## Healed of Cancer!

This is Dale. He a sailor working at the Navy base here who began coming to church recently. Dale shared an amazing testimony a couple of Sundays back. He was diagnosed with cancer and sent from Yokosuka to a Navy hospital in Hawaii for treatment. While he was there he went to a church called Monaloo Gardens Missionary Church where a pastor who had just come from Japan was preaching. This Japanese pastor said he had been healed of cancer and asked if anyone wanted prayer for that. Dale said he did and some of the church members, including a young lady named Marisa prayed for him. Later, Dale had surgery to remove the cancer and they found that it was completely gone! When he returned to Japan he looked for a church on the internet in Yokosuka and he noticed a picture of the same girl who had prayed for him on our church homepage. He came to Yokosuka Grace Bible Church and when he arrived that Sunday there was Marisa. She had recently led a group of youth from Monaloo Gardens Missionary Church to Yokosuka and she was visiting her parents who are leaders in our church. So the first time Dale visited our church he ran into the same girl who had just prayed for him in Hawaii when he was healed. God is definitely in control of our lives and prayer works!



## Graduating into Youth



We recently had a special ceremony to honor our 6th graders (pictured here) who graduated from grade school and entered jr. high school in April (the school year starts in April in Japan). These certificates showed that they have "graduated" from Sunday School and are now official Yokosuka Church "Youth."

## How to Stay in Touch

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## EQUIP Japan Conference

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Last month we brought a team of leaders with us to Yokohama Grace Bible Church for the EQUIP Japan conference. All of us were greatly challenged to do more for God. The six of us are pictured here with Ann Bailey (center) who is one of the trainers who will be bringing John C. Maxwell's EQUIP training. This conference was the first of its kind in Japan but will continue and spread to many other places around the country. Here is a report on the conference made for Japanese Christian satellite television.

For VIDEO click:

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(5 minutes, mostly Japanese language)

## Prayer Really Works!

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P.S.

**One more story about the power of prayer** - last month at our monthly day of prayer and fasting we prayed for two countries, Indonesia and East Timor. These are the only two countries in South-East Asia that do not have an Every Nation church yet. The church in Manila is now strategizing on how to plant a church there. I had never met anyone from East Timor before. In fact, I hadn't really given it a much thought until we prayed. Amazingly, last Sunday my Indonesian friend Alvin, brought four East Timorians to church!

The nationalities in the photo above are - from left to right: Indonesian, East Timor, East Timor, California dude, East Timor, East Timor and Filipino. These are all studying to be officers in their respective militaries at the Japanese National Defense Academy in Yokosuka. Our prayers are changing future leaders in Japan and AROUND THE WORLD. Keep it up!