

## CHRISTMAS 2007

Dear Friends and Family,

Wow, it's been quite a year. We had the opportunity to share at more than thirty churches or fellowships, some of them more than once. We also went to the General Conference of the Free Methodist Church, and visited three camps. But that's not all. We had a wonderful retreat in Michigan. We received a free gift basket, and Caleb returned with stitches. The latter weren't free. We attended prayer breakfasts, too. On a personal note, Yuko received her green card and social security number, and will be an employee of the Free Methodist Church Mission as of next month. We had some practical things accomplished, too, like updating our will, starting a 403 B, having our taxes done by a professional, getting half a million immunizations, and for Chris, getting prescription medicine for high cholesterol. In addition, and more significant than anything mentioned so far, was the birth of our second son, Corey Yuki. He is almost twelve weeks old. As of two weeks ago he was thirteen pounds. Yeah, he's a bruiser like his dad! As for me, I'm going back to Cambodia about five pounds over my usual weight of one hundred and thirty pounds. I'm eating homemade peanut brittle as I write this.

We had some fun, too. I had the opportunity to run a couple of races, and Yuko did some nice cross-stitch projects. I also had the time to plant tomatoes, replace two water runoff pipes, tar part of a foundation, and paint a house and three decks. Caleb and I went for a walk/ride almost every day at the Roberts Wesleyan Campus. I walked and he rode--a radio flyer. We enjoyed the slide together at Pearce church and mud puddles wherever they were. The results of this were a lot of giggles and the premature demise of a pair of sandals. Sshhh, don't tell Mom. Yes, we had a wonderful home assignment. As my Irish grandmother used to say: "All this and Heaven too!"

We would like to enlist your prayers for our travels, finding a house (one with a yard for the boys to play in), our health, and language acquisition. Though we are able to make conversation and conduct our daily affairs, we still have a way to go to minister effectively in a foreign culture to the deep needs of the heart.

While in N. Chili we often had the opportunity to chat with Bernice and Loretta, two Jehovah's witnesses. Please remember them in your prayers.

Lastly, our team has had a lot of health issues. They also could use your prayers.

As Christmas draws near we are reminded of God's awesome plan of reconciliation, and the mystery of the ages, Christ in us the hope of glory! It gives one pause, does it not? We are thankful to Him. We also want to extend our thanks to you, the team that empowers us to go. How we appreciate your prayers and gifts. We have said this before, but it is even more a reality to us as our time in the States draws to a close. You have been wonderful, and we won't forget it.

Have a glorious Christmas Season and a New Year filled with victories for His Kingdom.

In Him,

Chris, Yuko, Caleb, and Corey Wilkins

