



From David and Lorna Ferguson

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Dear Friends

Holiday time is here and we are about to head off for a while to the OMF holiday home by the beach. This year our holiday needs to fit round football camp (for Daniel and Calum) and a camp for Christian teenagers (which Daniel and Matthew will attend) so it is a bit shorter than usual, but we are looking forward to time away as a family.

Hebron News

As far as we know, new staff members are in place for the start of the school year in August. It seems that visas still seem to be a problem for some though. Both boys will have different dorm parents this year – for Daniel, the Aitkens, and for Matthew, the Reynolds (who themselves have four young children). Daniel and Matthew fly to Tokyo on the 15th, then to India via Bangkok on the 16th, arriving at the school early on the 17th in time for start of term the next day.

- *Pray for good settling in with new dorm parents*
- *Pray for safe travel (3 planes, 5 trains, 1 taxi)*

The younger boys

The school summer holiday is not long here – three and a half weeks. Calum and Alistair return for second term on the 18th. Last month Daniel and Matthew helped Lorna read a story in the library in English, Japanese and French and a large number of children turned up. Many opportunities open up through having our boys at the local school.

- *Pray for ongoing contacts at the school*

Hiragishi Izumi news

The long-awaited web site is due to be uploaded in the middle of this month! Unfortunately we have still not made much progress with the church leaflet. We certainly want to have these available for September when we have a team of people coming from Singapore to help us in the church for a few days.

Lorna continues to meet weekly with our neighbour Mrs Watanabe for French conversation. It has also been encouraging for David to get to know some men who attend the gym he goes to and some interesting conversations have opened up.

The young man W came again last month and we hope that he will come again on the 8th when Daniel will share his testimony. When we last had a

testimony time, he found these really spoke to him. Although he declares quite firmly that he does not believe in God, he is seeking something. We are glad to have a break on the 1st when a guest speaker will preach; Lorna and Daniel will share on the 8th (we return from holiday just in time for the service!); and David preaches on the other three Sundays, as well as at another church on the morning of the 22nd.

We continue to work through the situation we mentioned last month concerning people attending from another church. This has involved quite a bit of talking through different issues with different people. It still requires much wisdom and sensitivity as we and the people involved seek the Lord's leading. It has been encouraging recently to hear of other possible contacts in the area and another person came at the end of last month who had met JP and Nora (they join our team in November) on a plane!

- *Pray for the right people to be led to Izumi Church*
- *Pray for W and for Mrs Watanabe*
- *Pray for much wisdom and the Lord's leading*

Other matters

As we mentioned above, we are having a group of five members of How Chuang's home church with us for a few days in September. We are planning one or two events, including a Singapore Cultural Day and a special service on the Sunday. As soon as we are back from holiday we need to get on with detailed planning and publicity.

- *Pray for good planning of just the right kind of events for those who will come*

Things are still not easy for many charities and Christian organisations, and OMF is no exception, not least with the continuing currency movements in the wrong directions. Please do pray for all those working in the OMF office in the UK who need to make tough decisions and that the Lord would provide for the needs of his workers.

With our love

*David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew,
Calum and Alistair*

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