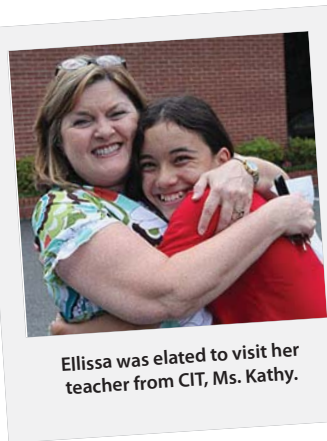




FCC Newton held a spaghetti dinner in our honor as we presented the flag of Japan.



Ellissa was elated to visit her teacher from CIT, Ms. Kathy.



Norma is our biggest supporter posting great comments on our website JapanActs.com



We were treated like royalty in Washington DC by Curtis and his brother Jon's family.

Want to see bigger photos? Click these images in our digital newsletter to view online.



Ms. Bonnie is Julina's favorite teacher from CIT last year who we got to visit again.



Having a visit from Garry's grandparents and Aunt Val and Uncle John was great.



Aaron got first dibs at Dutchy Deb's, a Christian bakery run by church planters in North Carolina.

## DID YOU KNOW? わかりましたか。

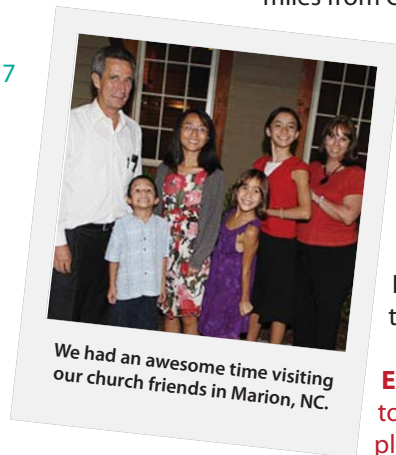
Obon Festival bears similarities to Mexico's *Day of the Dead*. From August 13-16, families participate in rituals focusing on their deceased ancestors. The week is also taken as summer vacation for many because kids have a school break during this month.

Japan's population is suffering a negative growth rate. For every 9 people who die, only 7 babies are born. Their ratio of working age people to elderly is 3:1, and it threatens to fall to 1:1 in the next 40 years if the current trend continues.

To conserve resources, public rest rooms in Japan don't usually have any paper towels to dry your hands after washing. Everyone carries their own handkerchiefs.

Visit [JapanActs.com](http://JapanActs.com) for more updates, photos, and videos.

**We drove 4,055 miles last month.** Saying good bye is never easy, but we've spent the last several weeks traveling across 13 different states to visit family and friends to say *sayonara*, until we meet again. August 27th is our departure date, and we're ecstatic to have our airline tickets in hand. The last piece of the puzzle is our visas which we hope to get later this month. The flight is 7,269 miles from Orlando to Tokyo, and that's only 1/3 around the globe.



We had an awesome time visiting our church friends in Marion, NC.

**Where Do We Go From Here?** Karuizawa is a tiny town about 2 hours north of Tokyo where we'll live for the first year to study the language and culture. An accelerated Japanese program designed with missionaries in mind awaits us. Our children will be taught by a small team of Japanese, including a pastor and his wife, 4 days a week while we review English material with them throughout the week. Pray that we learn the language and get adjusted quickly.

**Exodus 23:20** See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.



Brooksville Christian Church raised over \$1,111 to help us get a mission van during their first ever Vacation Bible School! Wow!

**Pre-departure Money Matters**

July Opening Balance: \$23,900  
 July Contributions: +\$9,966  
 July Expenses: -\$5,326  
 July Ending Balance: \$28,540



**From Team Expansion's President  
 Doug Lucas**

Dear Partner in the gospel,  
 Have you ever heard of the term *force multiplier*? It refers to "a factor that dramatically increases (hence *multiplies*) the effectiveness of an item or group." Wikipedia goes on to give several examples, including morale, technology, training and experience. I have to admit, when I read that

definition and saw those examples, I instantly thought of Team Expansion's workers worldwide, including the Klines. You see, in every case, they search for these *levers* that allow them to accomplish more together than they otherwise would be capable of doing. They encourage each other in morale, help each other with technology, recruit in a variety of ways, constantly seek more training, and they're all growing in their experience. (Some have been serving



now for 25+ years.) It's no wonder you regularly help your favorite Team Expansion missionary -- you're getting more than you bargained for! And of course, we covet your prayers on behalf of these hard-working missionaries in hopes that the ultimate *force multiplier* could reign down His grace, mercy, power and wisdom on all Team Expansion workers throughout the globe -- 320+ workers in nearly 50 countries.

**Thank you for your continued support and partnership.**

**Prayer Needs**

\$3,246 has been given towards a mission vehicle. We're praying that \$5,000 will be enough for a *gently used* minivan.

We are waiting for documents from Japan in order to secure our visas. Pray that they arrive *before* we leave.

The investigation into our house burglary is still underway. Pray for justice and a favorable outcome.

Aug 2-3 we'll be at Margate Christian Church helping with their VBS and sharing more about our mission effort.

Aug 27 we take flight to Narita Airport. Pray for safe travels.



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- Becoming a prayer partner with the Klines



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