

# The Sedlacek News

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Home Assignment



## Returning to Japan

What the Lord would have us do when we return to Japan is coming into focus. The past several years of team-based ministry with Japanese partners has prepared us to make deeper and wider contributions to the establishment of churches in Japan. We see two emerging roles for us:

1. Developing ministry teams to establish new Japanese churches in collaboration with existing churches. We believe that we need to perform ministry in Japan that is team-based, that grows out of a strong Japanese/missionary partnership, and that aims to establish creative and innovative Japanese churches which will reach the population that is yet to be reached with the gospel. David is talking with TEAM Japan's leadership about a role with a nationwide focus to promote TEAM's ministries instead of being limited to only one church planting initiative.



Oyama, Tokyo

2. Joining a new church planting team which will be another model for how to accomplish the above vision. We continue to talk with the Tokyo Metro team which is launching a new effort in central Tokyo in 2009.

This is the fruit of prayer and reflection on what God has gifted us to be and do for His Kingdom among the nations, and continued consultation with mission leaders and leaders of our sending church, Sherman Bible. *We ask that you continue to pray with us and for us, that the Lord will give us the wisdom to know where to step and the courage to do it.*

### Travel Plans

- End Dec 2008 Drive from Texas to Virginia.
- Jan-May 2009 Living in Williamsburg Travels on the East Coast
- June 2009 Drive from Virginia to Texas
- July 2009 Return to Japan

## But first, Virginia

But we aren't returning to Japan yet! We've been richly blessed by our friends and family in Texas over the last several months. Now it's time for us to pull up our tent stakes and drive to Virginia, where we'll spend the next five months. We'll be near Kathy's parents and brother, and spend significant time with Williamsburg Community Chapel. And we'll make a few trips in the East to visit other friends and financial partners.

## Giving

Yesterday's sermon at our home church was on giving, which Paul calls "a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (Phil. 4:18). We count it a privilege to give to the Lord's work, and are blessed to be on the receiving end as well. Before returning to Japan, we need to see an additional \$1,800 in average monthly donations. So here is a giving opportunity ☺. Please read the second page of this letter which explains some new ways to donate to TEAM. *Please pray with us that God will provide all the finances necessary for us to return to Japan next summer.*



Our boys and their cousins on Thanksgiving

**Thank you, & Merry Christmas!**



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## How to make donations to TEAM

There are now several convenient ways to make donations to TEAM. TEAM's website explains all the options for giving at this page: <https://www.teamworld.org/GIVE/WaysToGive.aspx>.

Here is a summary of ways you can give toward our ministry:

### 1. Write a Check (the old-fashioned way)

Make your check payable to **TEAM**, include a separate note that it is **for the ministry of David & Kathy Sedlacek**, and send it to TEAM:

TEAM  
P.O. Box 969  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187-0969

### 2. Use a Credit Card (one-time or monthly donations)

Online at this page: <https://www.teamworld.org/GIVE/GiveOnline.aspx>

Or call TEAM at 1-800-343-3144 ext. 4880

### 3. Use Electronic Funds Transfer (automatic monthly contributions through your bank)

Download an EFT form by going to this page (<https://www.teamworld.org/GIVE/WaysToGive.aspx>), then click on "EFT" and following the instructions to send the form to TEAM:

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### 4. Use Electronic Bill Pay (another way to do contributions through your bank)

You can arrange for your bank to make transfers to TEAM by electronic bill pay. In order to make sure donations are properly credited, please make sure your bank give the following information to TEAM: 1) **our** name--David & Kathy Sedlacek, and 2) **your** name and **donor number**. You can find your donor number on your receipt from TEAM, or you can call TEAM at 1-800-343-3144 ext. 4880 and they will give it to you.

### 5. Give Stock (TEAM can sell securities without paying capital gains taxes)

Call TEAM at 1-800-343-3144 ext. 4880, or

E-mail TEAM at [donorinfo@teamworld.org](mailto:donorinfo@teamworld.org) to ask how.

Thank you for giving to the Lord's work!



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