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**Change in Personnel for National Japanese Family Ministry**

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**To:** District and Lovin' Life Pastors, State and Church Leaders, Blessed Central Families  
**From:** National Blessed Family Ministry  
**Re:** Change of Personnel for National Japanese Family Ministry  
**Date:** January 3, 2012

**Ayako Heller Joins Blessed Family Ministry; Farewell and Thanks to Hiromi Stephens**

We are excited to introduce you to the newest member of our team, Mrs. Ayako Heller. Ayako will be working with the Japanese Family Ministry nationwide, as well as supporting the continued development of specialized care ministries around the country. We are excited to welcome Ayako, who will be working as an integral part of our headquarters team at Lovin' Life. She will also serve as a liaison to the Blessed Family Department in Japan.

Ayako will be communicating with District, State and Lovin' Life Pastors, as well as BlessedLIFE team members in the coming weeks, to learn more about the Japanese and international couples in your community, and the development of the Japanese Family Ministry and other ministries. She will be coordinating the education and counseling tours of Mr. Yuji Otomo, a Unificationist educator and clinical psychologist who has already made a profound impact through his previous visits to the communities that invited him. Please welcome and support her efforts, and know that you can also rely on her support for your work in these areas as well.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Hiromi Stephens, who together with her husband Jim re-energized the Blessed Family Department beginning in 2004. Hiromi has completed her work with the ministry officially, but we know that she will continue to support local efforts in her community, activities for Japanese families, and other BlessedLIFE projects that are close to her heart. Her investment in the lives of our families is immeasurable, and she has touched the lives of so many in her work. We wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all she has contributed to Blessed families in America. We wish Jim, Hiromi and the Stephens family well, and thank them for their beautiful offering.

Sincerely,

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