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... our email to you ...

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SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS at OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY have helped keep us busy over the past few weeks. First came the graduation of a lovely young lady, Miss Takemoto, who became Mrs. Itoh just a few days before she graduated with a two-year certificate. Her husband is a pastor of a congregation in Kobe. Please pray that the Lord will bless and use them as they serve Him together. Then a couple weeks later came the entrance ceremony of four new full-time students who are eager to study at OBS. With several online degree students and some auditors, for the first time in many years we have a "large-for-Japan" student body of 17 students! Pray for a continued increase!



Celebrating with the Itohs



Four new incoming students



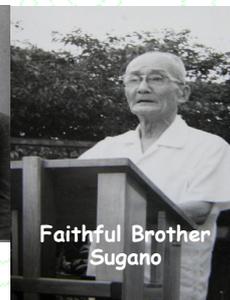
OBS staff, students and special guests

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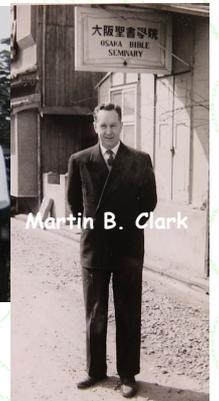
OBS CELEBRATES ITS 80th ANNIVERSARY! The school was begun by Brother Harold Cole in April 1937 but was discontinued after four years because of World War II. The property was held for missionaries who returned after the war by Brother Sugano who had one of his relatives "sit on" the land. The buildings were destroyed on the last U.S. bombing mission, the day before the war ended. Brother Sugano had studied at Eugene Bible University in Oregon with Rickie's father in the 1920s and remained faithful to the Lord the rest of his life! My father, Martin B. Clark, continued the ministry from the time we arrived in Japan in April 1950. At the time of his death, providentially, I was being processed to become president, and after 12 years, we realized our dream to turn the school over to the Japanese. Brother Nakano was president for 9 years and Brother Kishimoto began his presidency in 2010. We are very excited about the growth of the student body! We and four others will be at the International Conference on Missions in Peoria, IL, in November. Our booth will be across from the Say Yes to Japan booth. Come see us!



The Maddens (center) and the Coles



Faithful Brother Sugano



Martin B. Clark



Brothers Nakano and Paul Clark



Brother Kishimoto

KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: At the board level, we are working to become a recognized entity by the end of June. We are also kept busy with the numerous documents the ACSI Leadership Team (Bob, Andrew and Rickie) gives us to approve or suggest changes, and the KCS staff is especially busy with end-of-the-year events and finishing the school year well. Next year we are expecting an increase of 8-10 students! Rickie will give a presentation to the mothers of several prospective 2018-19 students who will visit KCS this week. Last month's Drama Night a fun story about Jonah, "Under the Sea 3D", was presented with grades 1-8 participating, and the a cappella chorus sang "What a Friend we Have in Jesus."



Enthusiastic cast and chorus

OUR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT in both the Kamizono and Nakaburi congregations is a joy. I speak every month at Kamizono and we enjoy the fellowship there. At Nakaburi Makoto-san has been studying with Brother Kimura for over a year and has recently become a believer! We look forward to witnessing his baptism soon. Horton and Lisl, who regularly attended Nakaburi and our International Nights when they lived here 3-4 years ago, are coming for a 3-week visit next week and will stay in our basement apartment.



Kamizono luncheon



New believer Makoto Furuta



Horton & Lisl in center

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