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Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan

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... our email to you ...



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OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY had two events since we last reported to you. We graduated three men on March 21st and welcomed two more men at our Opening Ceremony on April 9th. **Graduation:** Brother Yuuho Notsu (right) has completed five years of study at OBS and is the Associate Minister of the Asahi Church of Christ, working with President Kishimoto. The other two men graduated from our online program—one with a four-year degree and one with a three-year degree. Brother Makoto Motoyashi (center) grew up in a preacher's home and has been an elder in a congregation in Tokyo for many years. Several men have studied to prepare for their retirement in becoming preachers. Brother Makoto Matsuo (left) has been preaching at the Miyazato Christ Church in Okinawa for three years, following the ministry of Brother Onaga who recently went to be with our Lord. All three have recently been ordained.



Two young men were present as new students at the **Opening Ceremony** on April 9th. Kousuke Yanagibashi (left) comes to OBS, having already studied four years at another Bible college. He was influenced by President Kishimoto when he was in college in our Kansai area. He especially desires to study Greek. Brother Daichi Shizumi (right) comes to us from a sister congregation. Two other students (one online and the other an auditor) have entered also. Please pray for all of these men that they may be used by the Lord to bring many to Him!



VICTORIES AT NAKABURI CONGREGATION! Two Lord's Days ago three "seekers" made their confessions of faith in Jesus Christ! Makoto Furuta, has been studying twice a week (about three hours each time) with Brother Kimura, our pastor, for nearly four years! The other two, Mrs. Umezaki and her daughter Shino, are the result of one of our KCS teachers, Ikumi Yamada, who interested them in KCS. From attending our International Nights and our Sunday morning service at Nakaburi, they have grown quickly in the Lord. They are all very joyful and continually express their gratefulness of learning of God's love for them.



KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: The KCS Board and Staff, especially Principal Bob, Dean Andrew and Executive Assistant Rickie, have been working hard on documents and answering questions from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for almost a year now. The WASC visit occurred on April 7 & 8, with Dr. David Ottaviano, a Believer, meeting with board members, staff, students, and parents to get personal feedback about our school. The visit was a successful one and we anticipate at least initial accreditation within the next month or so. Our staff has not changed in three years, so please pray for KCS as it goes through the transition of receiving a new principal and three new teachers this summer. God has blessed KCS for 49 years and we look forward to our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2020!

APRIL INTERNATIONAL NIGHT: Another large group of 43 people attended this event with two new families and some singles! We always welcome newcomers and the fun games we play help them relax. The message this time was about the Empty Tomb. No matter how unbelievers through the ages have discredited the story of our Lord's resurrection, no one has ever been able to prove that Jesus' tomb was not empty! He is **RISEN!** There was an Empty Tomb and by all standards of evidence, the resurrection is historically the case! He **AROSE**, left an empty tomb, then **AGAIN**, in the Upper Room, joined His disciples, the **FIRST SCEPTICS!** Convinced it was Jesus alive, they would proclaim the **GOSPEL**, becoming martyrs to a one (including Paul), except for John.



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