



Jesus 4 Greater Asia

# UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan



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... our email to you ...

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** from the Clarks to each of you! The Christmas season is upon us whether we are ready for it or not. Amidst all the busy-ness, lights and glitter, let us realize that without the incarnation we would have no hope! There is no way man can reach God because of the gulf that separates us, except through Jesus the Messiah! Because God became man and dwelt among us, we have the opportunity to receive His plan of salvation and become a part of his forever family.

Our **CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL NIGHT** this year was even bigger than last year with 41 people in our basement! This house is big! Before our September International Night a new family in Japan (teachers at KCS and their two children) was being shown the basement and was marveling at the size. Then the "guide" jokingly quipped, "There's even a bowling alley at the end of this—and a basketball court!" Basements are very unusual in Japan.



Enjoying the turkey dinner and conversation

The **OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY** staff and students celebrated the end of the 2nd term with a Korean dinner at a downtown restaurant. Some of our online students from far away were not able to come, but it was a special time of fellowship.

Now they are on break and will resume classes in January.

**KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** always has a community outreach before Christmas. The students go to old people's day care centers and sing and interact with the residents by playing games and



talking with them. Some groups go through the neighborhood and give the neighbors greeting cards and sing Christmas carols. Pray that these outreaches will be effective in bringing hope to others. Our Christmas program will be held Friday, December 18th. Pray that the many non-Christians who will be attending the program will understand the message our students will be giving!



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The **NAKABURI CHURCH's** Candlelight Service will take place on Christmas Eve and I will be speaking. Pray that through these events and our love, people's lives will be touched and changed.

**MONGOLIA TRIP** Our hearts are filled with praise to our Lord for the way He used us in Mongolia in November! We will report with more detail in our January eUpdate, but for now we will say that we visited some 20 families, both in Ulaanbaatar and in "the countryside," to encourage them in their work for the Lord, as well as help those who are reaching the lost by affirming their message. God also used us as



Annual Candlelight Service

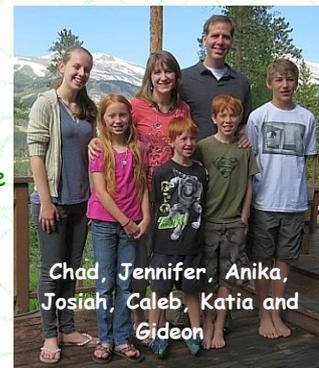
In the countryside at minus 31F! Young married couples retreat



Visiting homes in the city

we both spoke about family at a young married couples' retreat.

**FAMILY UPDATE:** Chad and Jennifer Huddleston with Anika (17), Josiah (15), Caleb (11), Katia (10) and Gideon (8) continue their mission work in Ishinomaki where the disastrous earthquake and tsunami hit. They will drive the 12-hour trip to have a late Christmas time with us. Chris and Jocelyn Wolfe in Columbia, MO, continue to serve



Chad, Jennifer, Anika, Josiah, Caleb, Katia and Gideon



Chris, Jocelyn, Michaela, Benjamin, Elijah, Johanna and Ami

the Lord as Chad and Jennifer's and our forwarding agents, for which we are very grateful. Michaela (19), is a sophomore at Milligan College, and Benjamin (17), Elijah (16), Johanna (14) and Ami (9) keep their parents very busy with home schooling and church activities. **Jeremy and Amy Clark** with Edison (2) work from their new home in Raleigh, NC, and we enjoyed a visit with them last summer. Jeremy always designs our calendar which we send to our supporters. **Jonathan and Yuki Clark** with Sean (6) live in Southern California. Sean is studying in both English and Japanese schools and Jonathan is working on finishing his B.A. through online courses, hoping to graduate in 2017.



Jeremy, Amy and Edison



Jonathan, Yuki and Sean

We have wonderful memories of our 5-day Family Reunion in Colorado last summer! It was such a special time for all of us, and especially for the 12 cousins who are separated by many, many miles and who rarely see each other.

We wish you **THE MOST MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS** and a **NEW YEAR OF BLESSINGS** as you serve our loving Creator who sent His Son to bridge the gap between us and Himself.

What joy it is to serve Him wherever He puts us! For those who do not know that blessing, we pray that by studying God's Word you will join us in this most meaningful life! — Paul & Rickie