



UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan



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... our email to you ...

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New sign covers basketball hoop during events!

KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL had the privilege this month of hosting the Watoto Kids' Choir from an orphanage in Uganda. Several teams of children and their adult sponsors tour in different parts of the world. A couple years ago our son-in-law and daughter, Chad and Jennifer, had them perform in Ishinomaki, the area where the huge tsunami hit so hard, and they heartily recommended them to us. Chad wrote again this year and said the choir would be in our area and had some cancellations. He suggested KCS might like to host them.

What a wonderful opportunity it was to have them at KCS! They arrived on February 8th and stayed two nights with various families in KCS, even in non-Christian homes. The kids especially enjoyed playing with our KCS kids and doing activities with them on the morning of the 9th before their afternoon performance and playing again afterwards. Our hall was packed with standing room only! Our kids and families were all blessed! (You can look them up on the Internet by putting in Watoto Choir, and can hear and see some of their performances.)



Watoto Choir at KCS



Brother Song—several KCS students also sang

ANOTHER CONCERT we had the opportunity to attend was by a Korean flutist, Solnamoo Song (an appropriate last name for a musician!), whose daughter was one of our students at KCS for two years when they lived in Japan. Brother Song is well-known as he travels around the world giving concerts and testifying of God's love. He is well-known in Korea for his background music of Korean dramas, which are also popular in Japan.

OUR FEBRUARY INTERNATIONAL NIGHT had fewer people, as several families and individuals were sick with the flu or colds, and it was right after the Song concert, but we still had 26 guests, 16 of whom are not yet Christians! That was nearly two-thirds who came because they are attracted by the fellowship of Christians and by God's Word which they hear every month! Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to love those who have yet to know your love as Savior!



Playing group Pictionary, a favorite at International Nights

OUR MISSION HOUSE was built in 1951, so it is 67 years old! After the war Osaka Christian Mission, represented by Brother Harold Cole, bought properties within an hour's commute from Osaka Bible Seminary. The Coles, the Beckmans, and the Mings lived in homes built on those properties, and our Clark family lived across from OBS when I was a youth. The old Mings house has been our home now since 1985.



Brother Niiro serving God with his talents

The age of the house means things go wrong! This month we thought we had a toilet problem but it ended up a sewer line problem. We had an open ditch over 30' long and 5' deep in the front of our house for about three days before our OBS graduate, Ryuji Niiro, and I got the problem solved. The sewer line was clogged with tree roots which were removed and replaced with clean-outs and new piping. We are thankful for Ryuji who, as a registered gardener by trade, has many other skills as well.

OUR GOOD FRIEND SKIP TANAKA is back in Japan now for two weeks! He is a worship leader and trainer living and working with several congregations in the Knoxville, TN, area and, of a sudden, has many contacts with Japanese in Knoxville, as well as many connections now in Japan. He will be leading worship with several of these congregations, as well as KCS, OBS, and International Night.

We first met Skip in June of 1995 as we were visiting OBS supporting congregations. An elder, who met Dad Madden when he visited before the war's end raising support for rebuilding OBS after the war, introduced us to Skip for a contact with Japan. Twenty years later we get an email, "Paul, you won't remember me, but . . ." Nearing retirement, he was planning his first trip to Japan. Rickie invited him to KCS, which was not on his "bucket list," but coming to KCS has opened up a whole new world of ministry. Amazing, the connections from the beginnings of OBS to now in evangelizing Japanese!



In OBS Chapel

Brother Skip has been very generous in his giving to Kansai Christian School, where he has mentored several of our graduates, and to Mongolia Centurions Ministry. It is always a privilege to have Skip visit and to see his exploding ministry to Japanese in our Kansai and Knoxville areas. God loves the Japanese indeed!

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