



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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CATCHING UP! During the months of April and May, we were very busy working on this summer's **Osaka News**, which was printed and mailed out by Mission Services in mid-June. It is a very time-consuming project—writing, editing many times, choosing and cropping pictures, making captions, sending in changes of address—but we have always been especially pleased with the great job Mission Services has done in producing our **Osaka News** over more than 30 years. Mission Services has now merged with the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) and we will miss working with Reggie, Cheryl and Georgia. Thank you, Mission Services! We wish you all the best as you continue to serve the Lord in new ways. We are undecided at this time whether or not to continue the annual printed "newsmagazine." *If you know of anyone (individuals or churches) who would like to receive our eUpdates by Internet, please let us know their email address(es).*



KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: Spring is always a busy time for Rickie at KCS where she serves as Executive Assistant. There are many events and much to do in the office: preparing schedules, report cards, transcripts, and ordering textbooks, are just a few of the tasks. This year she has kept two bookkeeping systems going, preparing for a switch-over to QuickBooks. She has also been training an office aide to take part of the office load.



Three lovely Christian girls were graduated this year, one of whom became a Christian while at KCS. They will be going to universities in Taiwan, Korea and the U.S. Only one has parents who are Christian. They are all fluent in three languages, and one in four! Please pray for these girls, that their witness will remain strong in college and that they will continue to grow in Christ! Also pray for our other students, many from non-Christian families who are learning about God's story for the first time!



July 25th is the goal for KCS to complete the process of becoming an official foundation. There will be many changes and we will have to begin making reports to the government. This has been a long-term goal made possible by finally owning our property.



Our accreditation progress is going well with the Association of Christian Schools International. The administration, the Accreditation Leadership Team (Bob, Andrew and Rickie), the board, and all the staff are working hard on completing various requirements set by ACSI. Our plan and goal is to complete everything by the



spring of 2019. Please pray that things will continue to move ahead as we all work together.

CENTURIONS MINISTRY IN MONGOLIA 20th ANNIVERSARY: We will be in Mongolia for two weeks in August to celebrate this milestone of the ministry to the Mongolian military! I was tasked with writing a short history of this ministry since we have worked with them for over 18 of those years. I have asked many military officers and others to write testimonies of how the Lord has used them in their visits to Mongolia to work with this enthusiastic outreach and discipling ministry. These will be made into a small booklet for this



time of celebration. Gantumur was the first Centurions director, followed by Bayaraa and now Sumya. Brother Bataa is the head of the Mongolia CRU.

This event will take place along with Interaction 2017, a gathering of military representatives from many Asian countries and the world! We have also been asked to stay for the CRU staff retreat.



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INTERNATIONAL NIGHT AT HIKARI-NO-IE: Our once-a-month home parties continue to bring new Christian and non-Christian people together, who enjoy the evenings of games, snacks and conversation, praising our Lord in song, and finishing with a word from the Word. We are on summer break right now (July and August) and are looking forward to our September International Night on the 9th with cake and homemade ice cream. We even have "International Night alumni" coming back for visits—some living overseas. After the program is over, people often stay until midnight because they just enjoy the fellowship.



Can you move your foot clockwise while "drawing" a six with your opposite hand?



Lingering afterward

Yu, Sophia and Luke lead our worship in song

Worship and Bible study

Ping-pong is always popular!

This mother and daughter want to know about Jesus!

ALL JAPAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION: In May we flew to Okinawa to participate in our annual convention. It is always a privilege to meet Christians from all over Japan. Our conventions are always a time of real fellowship in the Word, in song and in prayer. All of our full-time on-campus OBS students and others except one (whose wife was due any time) were able to attend the convention.



Okinawa was the first part of Japan to be evangelized by Christian Church missionaries following World War II. Chaplain Harlan Woodruff was assigned by General MacArthur to go to Okinawa immediately following the war. He stayed for about a year but was so heartbroken for the people there, that he resigned his commission and returned within a year with his wife as missionaries. Three



Three faithful preachers who became believers just after the war

faithful preachers in their 80s told about the conditions after the war and how they become believers. We have some 13 congregations there along with many OBS alumni and we are always welcomed enthusiastically.



Mrs. Yashiro gave some church history in Okinawa

Her son, Rickie's translator when she spoke there in 1996

All 5 family members — OBS graduates

Old friends—Brother Niiro and daughter Izumi

Three OBS Grads

Some of our OBS students

ONE MORE SISTER IN CHRIST: This lady, in hospice, made her confession of Christ in front of the Kamizono congregation just before my sermon and only four days before passing into our Lord's presence. Her husband is attending and intending to be baptized!



Mrs. Araki

OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY is on summer break now, but our students are busy working in Christian summer camps and other ministries. We have our tickets to travel to the U.S. in November, to represent OBS's 80th Anniversary at the OBS booth at the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) in Peoria, IL, November 16-18. Please stop by and visit if you can attend. We will also visit two supporting congregations in Indianapolis, Indiana and Millersburg, Ohio.

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