



UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan



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... our email to you ...

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SPRING IS COMING! At least we think so. No cherry blossoms yet, but our plum tree is blooming beautifully and we are finally getting some temperatures in the 50s during the day. We are about to take a 5-day break to fly to Ishinomaki where Chad and Jennifer minister. Anika, now 18, will be going off to college this summer to Wheaton, IL, and this is good enough reason to see our Huddleston family here in Japan. We saw Chad, Jennifer and Gideon for about 3 hours in February when they came down to renew Gideon's passport. We had a wonderful Korean Yakiniku (grilled meat) dinner at a restaurant owned by one of our new families at KCS. They treated us royally! We look forward to a lengthier visit with the whole family.

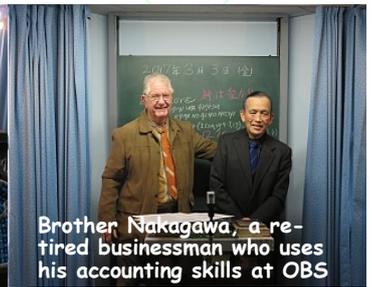


At Yoshida Yakiniku

OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY's school year is coming to an end quickly. The Japanese school year runs from April to March so graduation will be this month. Miss Takemoto will receive a two-year certificate and will soon be married. We have four new full-time students entering in April. It is exciting to see OBS growing again. With less than one-half percent of Japanese who are Christian, there are no huge Bible Colleges, and we are grateful to be able to minister to those who train at OBS!



Miss Lee, a first-year student, speaking in chapel



Brother Nakagawa, a retired businessman who uses his accounting skills at OBS

MARCH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT: Thirty-five people enjoyed our International Night party this month. It was a very special time with our special guest musician, Skip Tanaka, from Knoxville, TN, who led our music along with some of our teen-ager attendees. They "jammed" before, during and after, and we had a wonderful time of singing praises to our Lord. My message was on the Holy Spirit. Afterwards Ikumi and Rickie talked with the mother of our newest student at KCS. The mom was in tears, having understood for the first time how God works through His Holy Spirit in our lives. She told how she had met Ikumi at a cram school where Ikumi teaches a couple evenings a week, and how that had led her to KCS, and now she was hearing about God. She now has a Bible and is reading it and realizes that the Holy Spirit had led her to us so she could hear of God's love. She wrote a note to the KCS staff shortly afterwards and told how six months ago her daughter had refused to go to Japanese school and now she can't wait to get to KCS every morning!



Speaking on the Holy Spirit



Skip Tanaka and music group

KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is not all about study, but we have some very good students. We also have fun. This month we had a KCS Talent Show with a variety of acts after a wonderful Korean dinner prepared and served by our high school students. Skip Tanaka and one of our KCS alumni won the "Most Professional" award playing guitars and singing, and one of our missionaries and one of our high school students ended up winning the "Funniest" award. It was a contest between Brother Chapman using a calculator and Ami using her head as they did three digit multiplication problems! Ami won every time! We are proud

SPECIAL FRIENDS

We have some new very special friends. Brother Motobayashi, who has been translating for me at the Kamizono congregation has introduced his sons to us and they recently visited our Nakaburi congregation. We are helping the youngest son Kazuya prepare to move to England for his business by improving his English. He and his brother Kenji enjoyed our March International Night. Their dad became a Christian as a teen-ager in the beginnings of the Kami-zono congregation.



Most professional

Funniest

Cutest!



Motobayashi men with Brother Kimura and myself

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