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# UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan

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... our email to you ...



**"SPRING HAS SPRUNG"** in Osaka, and we are very happy to have a bit warmer weather! It is God who gives us the gift of change in season! *"Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone"* (Zechariah 10:1). The plum tree in our backyard was beautiful and the birds love the free hand-outs! Now the cherry blossoms are almost in full bloom! Spring is always a busy time of year for us. There are many events and meetings. The Japanese fiscal year ends in March and begins in April, as does their school year, and this means paying Japanese



income tax as well as U.S. taxes. Rickie and the principal and staff of Kansai Christian School are busy with budgets, textbook inventories and orders, interviewing and testing incoming students, preparing and receiving annual registrations and contracts, and scheduling achievement tests and next year's class schedule.

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT** attendance was back up to over 30. It has been exciting to see how the Lord uses these home parties to bring people to Him. Several are now believers as a result of our ministry in the "non-threatening" atmosphere of International Nights.



Game time — always fun!

Many who are not yet believers, keep coming back! The game time was another fun time of getting acquainted. Skip Tanaka from Knoxville and our local group of musicians led our praise time. This is the 4th year in a row that Skip has returned to Japan to minister at our International Night and at Kansai Christian School. He has had a real impact on many lives here in Japan, especially young people who have been students at KCS. Thank you, Skip. Please keep coming!



Skip Tanaka and our local band

**WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD** to bring our itinerary together for our trip to the States this summer. We visit and report to the congregations and individuals who support Osaka Bible Seminary and us personally every third summer. Our thanks to an Oregon friend and supporter who is lending us a car in the Northwest, and Indiana friends and supporters who are lending us a car while we travel in the Midwest and Eastern States! Others have arranged to meet over lunch or dinner or provide housing during brief visits. Thank you!! God certainly provides through His people! Following is our speaking itinerary to this point.

- June 9: Arrive in Portland, OR
- June 10: Christian Church, Dufur, OR
- June 17: First Christian Church, Vernonia, OR
- June 24: Redwood Christian Fellowship, Fortuna, CA
- June 27: North American Christian Convention
- July 1: The First Church of Christ, Maspeth, NY
- July 8: Springville Christian Church, Bluefield, WV
- July 15: Walton Hills Christian Church, Cleveland, OH

- July 22: Bunker Hill Christian Church, Salem, IN
- July 29: Antioch Christian Church, Toluca, IL (a.m.)
- July 29: Witt Christian Church, Witt, IL (p.m.)
- August 5: TBA (a.m.)
- August 5: Kirklint Christian Church, IN (p.m.)
- August 12: Open (California)
- August 19: Bridgeport Community Church, CA
- August 24-25: Return to Japan

**OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY GRADUATION:** This year two of our lady students graduated with 3-year certificates. One will pursue an advanced degree and ordination, and the other, married, will work part-time at OBS!



OBS Graduation, about 80 in attendance



**OUR MONTHLY MINISTRY WITH THE KAMIZONO CONGREGATION** continues to bring joy to our lives! What a privilege it is to work with my translator who preaches right alongside of me in Japanese! The ladies always prepare a delicious

lunch and the fellowship around the table is very special. We usually take with us Brother Niiro, who soon turns 86. I have known him since I was 12 and he was 19. This time his daughter Izumi, a close friend of our daughters, went with us as well! The entire family—both parents and all three children are OBS grads!



Brother Niiro and daughter Izumi

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