



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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**OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY'S** annual Tanemaki-kai (Seed-Sowing Conference) was held in early November. There were good evangelistic messages, enthusiastic singing, great fellowship, and a wonderful spirit of encouragement among the participants! Five of our seven students were in attendance and the other two were shown on screen. These numbers seem small to most of you who live in "Christian" countries, but the increased student body is a real

encouragement to us, not only in numbers but in commitment to the ongoing of God's Kingdom, His Church, here in Japan. Please pray for more students who desire to reach out and share the good news to those about them! Do



Lunchtime fellowship



On-campus students singing a special number



Prefectural office worker studying from Kyushu



Retired Okinawa school principal studying by Skype

you remember the picture of Lydia Kishi in the wheelchair leading singing at the 2013 All Japan Christian Convention, who had been given only 3 months to live? God had another plan! Here she is, alive and well at Tanemaki-kai!



Lydia Kishi (left) still in ministry!

**SUCCESSFUL SURGERY!** We have experienced God's healing hand again as I underwent 3 1/2 hours of back surgery (a Laminectomy) on November 18th. The doctor removed part of the bones that were pinching my spinal cord and I can already feel the difference! All the tubes and equipment have been removed and I am walking with the help of a tall walker, doing some rehabilitation, and hope to be home next week. Many people were praying for such a successful surgery and God has answered our prayers! We praise and honor Him for this!



**A WONDERFUL CHRISTIAN HERITAGE!** Rickie took the opportunity to go to California for just a weekend to honor her uncle Wayne Salter, who died just 6 days before his 101st birthday. He was an elder and Bible teacher and the last of that generation to pass into God's presence. Eleven of the 12 living cousins celebrated his life together. She also celebrated her mutual birthday with her older sister Pauline. Both Rickie and I are from many generations of Christian families!



101 year

**BURNEY KIDS:** Don and Norma Burney were missionaries in Japan for 37 years, then served in Siberia for about 10 years more. We made a few trips to help them there. Three of their five children, Joe, Sarah and Rachel, returned for Norma's memorial service, and we enjoyed having them in our home for a couple days.



**HALLOWEEN** was really big this year in Japan! Few knew about it when we arrived in 1985. Rickie heard a man on the radio saying how much more fun it is for his children than it was for him as a child, because now they have Halloween and Christmas (Santa Claus)!



The harvest may be over for the farmers, but not for Christian workers!

*"Ask the Lord of the Harvest . . . to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:38).*



Japan Halloween

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