



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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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS from Japan, though it seems New Year's Day was a long time ago! We spent two weeks in the States with three of our children and families and returned back to Japan on January 7th. I also renewed my Missouri driver's license—our "excuse" for making the trip and seeing our kids and grandkids. It was a blessing to worship in two congregations—one in Missouri and the other in California and we thoroughly enjoyed being with our families. We had spent Thanksgiving with our family in Japan, so we have seen most all of our twelve grandchildren this year's holiday season.

MISSIONARIES NEED "REFUELING" TOO! We enjoyed the fellowship with two congregations in the States. We attended a Christmas Eve service at Chris and Jocelyn's congregation in Missouri, as well as attending the Lord's Day. We worshipped with a Japanese congregation in Southern California our second Lord's Day. We and our grandson Sean are pictured with a group from that congregation who came to Kansai Christian School four years ago to lead our students in Spiritual Life Emphasis Week. They were such a blessing to us at KCS! The three sermons we heard were above average—excellent!



KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: One of the fun things the Parent-Teacher Fellowship did for our students this month was "rice pounding." After a special kind of rice was cooked, the students took turns pounding the rice with a huge wooden mallet. The rice was then taken back to the kitchen and the parents made "omochi" flavored with various flavors. Recently we have had several inquiries from Christian families who are interested in putting their children in as students at KCS. Our purpose, first of all, is to serve children of missionaries, then Christian families, then other families as there is space. All have to sign that they will not object to their children being taught the Bible and classes from a biblical point of view. Most students who graduate from KCS after being in the school for several years are believers, even though their families are not.



VISITORS FROM MONGOLIA: Gantumur, Deegi and family arrived January 21st for a family vacation in Japan. We have known Gantumur since our first trip to Mongolia in May of 1999, at which time he was accepted as staff for Campus Crusade for Christ. He had accepted the Lord in 1992, one of the earliest Christians after *perestroika*, and he and some others from the Military Academy started a Bible study in 1997 for the students. That group later became the Centurions Ministry which we have worked with since 1999, as we were Gantumur's first support. Rickie and I are to be going to Mongolia March 9-16 for a couple of special events. Centurions Ministry will gather Christian military from around the nation on their Annual National Military Day (Veteran's Day) as well as hosting an event honoring the beginnings of CM by Col. Gankhuleg, who taught our leaders as cadets at the academy before his conversion.



Working together in teams to build a tower of spaghetti & marshmallows

The tallest, but it couldn't stand by itself!

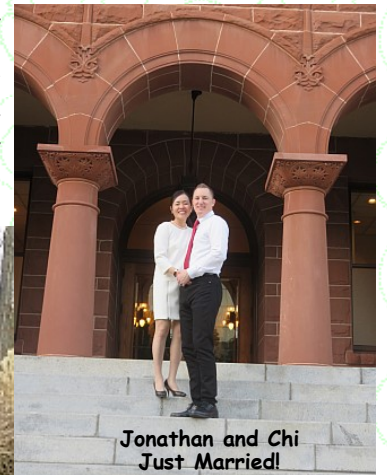
JANUARY INTERNATIONAL NIGHT was another great get-together. The games (left), snacks and singing bring everyone together, but most important is the time spent in the Word sharing new insights and meanings, making the GOSPEL available to the work of the Holy Spirit! Those who are not yet believers show real interest in the message from God's Word.



Chris, Jocelyn and family + Eddie



Jeremy, Amy and Edison



Jonathan and Chi Just Married!

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