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... our email to you ...

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KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: We both have spent a lot of time at KCS this year. I am Vice President of the school Board and I accompany Rickie, the KCS Executive Assistant since we arrived in 1985. I take my books and computer and study while she is in the office. We'd like to tell you some great news about KCS! A year ago, the President of our Board began a church plant in our small community of Heguri (pop. 20,000), which is about 45 minute's drive from downtown Osaka and one hour from our home.. They met in their home for several months and were offered the opportunity of renting a community building for a very reasonable amount.

Several of our school families have been attending, as well as others from the community. One of our second graders and his mother and grandmother have been attending, and the mother has made her decision to accept the Lord and be baptized. When this little boy was in first grade and heard his teacher say that the God of our universe wants to be our Father, he was so excited and cried out, "Now I have a father!" He is one of our most enthusiastic students!

Three of our high school students have also decided to be baptized, having come to know the Lord through KCS. They will be baptized this fall along with one of our adult friends.

We were asked recently to go over to the 1st-2nd grade classroom to watch them perform a play (actually a "musical") they had created by themselves. We were really impressed, as they had memorized their lines and enjoyed performing for us, their special guests. In a recent eUpdate, Rickie told of two first graders talking about how old God is! They came to the conclusion that He must be more than 300,000 years old! These two children are the ones in the picture wearing glasses.



We just had two graduation ceremonies (because of COVID and the need for social distancing) on Friday, June 11th. First, we graduated four 8th grade girls, three of them who are new students at KCS in the last year and a half. The mother of one of the graduates, a girl who joined us this year from Canada, was sitting on the edge of her seat listening excitedly to the sermon, smiling and nodding. Rickie talked to another mother of a new student who transferred from another school 1 1/2 years ago. The mom was very excited about KCS and told Rickie that her daughter is definitely looking forward to the next four years of high school!

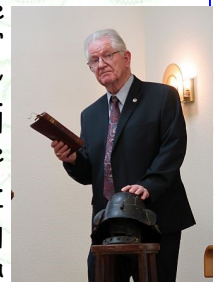
Michelle Oliver, was the only high school graduate this year, a rather unusual occurrence. She began at KCS in first grade, as did her sister. We were invited to celebrate the occasion at an outdoor gathering up on a nearby mountain with the Oliver family and many other friends. We will have several new students in the Fall and are looking forward to how the Lord will change their lives, too.



OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY students are on summer break now and will be serving in their home congregations and doing other Christian service. We look forward to seeing them again in the Fall. I am on the chapel schedule and am present there on Tuesdays and Fridays. Rickie usually goes with me on Fridays.



PREACHING AT KAMIZONO once a month continues. Even this summer my translator, Brother Motobayashi, will preach a couple of my sermons. (They will be shorter, since he will use only Japanese!) He will also give his testimony on another Lord's Day. In this picture I was preaching about the Helmet of Salvation, using a real samurai helmet that I received as a boy in Japan as an example.



SUMMER PLANS: We arrived in the U.S. on July 2nd for some R&R. After spending a few days with our son Jonathan and family, we drove to Northern California where we celebrated our 60th anniversary, spoke at an OBS supporting congregation, then drove back to L.A. and flew to Missouri. Rickie had **successful** YAG Laser Surgery on her right eye a couple days ago, for which we are very pleased! We will fly on to Colorado where we will yet get to visit with Bayaraa, Gerlee and kids whose flight back to Mongolia was postponed again. In spite of the schedule change, we are all excited that we can see each other again! Then we will fly back to the West Coast to visit siblings, relatives and friends in Oregon and California. In early September we plan to spend time near and in YoSemite with our three Stateside kids—Jeremy, Jocelyn, Jonathan and his wife Chisato. Please pray for safe travel. After arriving home on September 19th, we will likely have to quarantine for 14 days (including three days at a hotel at Japan's expense) before beginning our normal, busy schedules.

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