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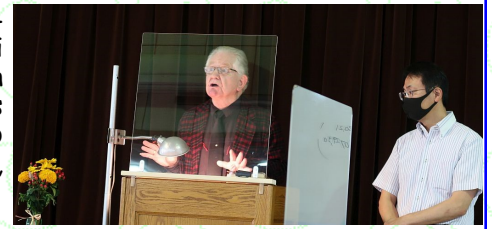
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... our email to you ...



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OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY chapel continues to be held with social distancing and masks. Staff, students and guests speak regularly, and alumni speak often by Zoom. It is encouraging to watch our students grow in God's Spirit as they prepare their messages. I attend chapel on Tuesdays and Fridays with Rickie usually going with me on Fridays. Please continue to pray for more workers in God's Kingdom, for the harvest is plentiful! OBS, with President Kishimoto, is serving to bring unity in the *ecclesia* in Japan.



The **NAKABURI CONGREGATION** is small, as are most Japanese congregations, but those who attend take notes and digest God's Word as it is spoken. One of our recent converts, who has not attended during the pandemic, continues to grow in the Lord. I recently sent her a copy of my sermon and she responded that she had just finished reading the whole Old Testament and has now read the entire Bible in the last couple years. She said she is beginning the New Testament again. We look forward to having her and her daughter, a high school student at KCS, back again when the pandemic is over!

As usual, I also preached this month at the **KAMIZONO CONGREGATION**, about an hour's drive from home. There are many seekers who attend, so please keep them in your prayers!

I am a board member of the **OKAYAMA CHRISTIAN CENTER** which had its annual meeting this month. We took the wrong expressway, missed the meeting but arrived in time for Keith Summers' delicious luncheon! We thank Keith for his forgiving spirit. He told us he had also made the same mistake, so that made us feel better.



RAINY SEASON, usually occurring in June and July for five or six weeks, came a near record 21 days early this year! I had checked the rain gutters, but we had a "distaster" storm. I went out in the night and cleared drains, but it wasn't enough. Checking our outside basement entrance Lord's Day morning, it had flooded. Sister Ikumi, translating for me, and Debbie insisted on helping. These servant-hearted ladies from KCS helped us so much after morning worship and lunch by bringing the wet carpet tiles up the stairs and to our driveway, where they scrubbed and hosed off the tiles. Rickie carried them to our long fence and I clipped them all to the fence so they would dry! We will wait until

rainy season is over before we put them back down on the basement floor!

We have also had a lot of help from two of the fathers of KCS students—Taz Oliver and Jason Langidrik. They have worked very hard helping build the woodshed in our back yard and chopping wood for our next winter supply of firewood for our fireplace! We are so thankful for everyone's servant-hearted help!



SUMMER PLANS: Making a decision to travel to the States was difficult for us this year. Every third summer we usually spend almost three months traveling and reporting to our supporting congregations, but this year there is COVID! (We have had one inoculation and the second will be June 18th.) We finally decided to travel to the U.S. in early July. Rickie's need to have corrective laser eye surgery in Missouri was determinative in our decision. That kind of surgery doesn't seem to be readily available in Japan. We are also looking forward to celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary on July 9th by staying in a Mongolian *ger* (yurt) where we honeymooned near Lassen National Park in 1961. We plan to spend time with our families in the U.S. and return in mid-September. We would appreciate your prayers for safety as we travel.

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