



# 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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**INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS** are still one of our major outreaches. Each month we have these "parties" and people come from all around our area (as far as an hour or more away). Rickie always plans fun games and we have delicious snacks and a time of singing praise to our Father. Then I lead a time of devotions and speak from God's Word. Many have never heard a verse from the Bible when they first attend International Nights. Many mature believers also attend and it is a time for them to witness and share God's love. We have had guests from 36 different countries at this point—truly International Nights!



**RICKIE'S ENGLISH AND BIBLE CLASSES:** After our sharing time last week, I had the three ladies who come faithfully every Tuesday morning for class, turn to First Corinthians 13 and had them take turns reading the verses, first in English, then in Japanese. They bring their Japanese Bibles with them and read the verses in their own language after discussing the meanings in English. I have NEVER seen them so surprised and touched about a passage of scripture as they were!

Through the years we have studied through many different books of the Bible, but this is the first time in I Corinthians. I use "The New Testa-



ment: A New Easy-to-Read Version," which is easier for them to understand than other versions. It was such a great definition and explanation of LOVE! They had never heard anything like it before! One of the ladies has studied with me since January 1999 and another joined the class a year or two later. The third member has studied with us for about two years. PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LADIES—that they may understand that they are learning not only to speak and write better English, but they are also learning about God's Word!

**OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY** is about to begin a new school year. In Japan, the school year begins in April and ends in February or March. We had two graduates this year. The one on the left is the son of Reiko Saito, who leads the congregation I preach to once a month near Kobe. Her husband Nick was faithful until his death. He was in the hospital and asked if he could leave on a Sunday morning to preach, and was allowed to do so. After he returned to the hospital, he passed on to the Lord's presence! Their son Yoshinobu just graduated from OBS and now will take over the ministry from his mother.

Four new students will be **studying** at OBS this new school year, three of them online. Please continue to pray



that the outreaches of our alumni and former students will continue to grow. In Japan, only 1.5% of the population claim to be Christian. The Lord continues to give us patience as we continue to speak of and show God's love.

**KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** continues faithful! All classes are begun with prayer and the Bible is one of the daily classes (Monday-Thursday) with Chapel on Fridays. Our new principal, who has taught at KCS for eleven years, is doing a good job. I have been a member of the school board since we arrived in Japan in 1985. Rickie is an auditor of the board and is enjoying retirement this school year, but keeps finding things to keep her busy.

**RICKIE'S SISTER IS HOME WITH OUR LORD:** Pauline Thomas went to be with our Lord on Sunday, March 10th, at the age of 96. Their parents and brother Marvin, and her preacher husband Wayne, are already with our Lord.

Rickie was born on her sister's 13th birthday and Pauline went to school saying to her friends, "Guess what I got for my birthday!" No one guessed! Pauline and Wayne spent their lives in ministry until he retired. They have two children, Terry and Tammy, both believers and part of God's Kingdom.



Rickie's preacher father, Dennis Rickard, baptized my father, Martin B. Clark, and my Uncle Bela when they were in high school. What a privilege to be a part of such a family!

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