



Jesus 4 Greater Asia UPDATE FROM JAPAN



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... our email to you ...

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MANY GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE! Probably what is keeping us so busy is our daughters' insistence that we do some reforming of the almost 75-year-old house that we live in. (Thank you, Jennifer and Jocelyn!) Summers in Japan are very hot with high humidity and we have managed through the 39 years we have lived here to try to keep relatively cool with inadequate air conditioning and fans in the different rooms we use, or ... being absent from Japan. Jennifer and her husband Chad who are missionaries north of Tokyo, have been working with Ryuji Niuro, a graduate of OBS, who is a licensed gardener and "Landscape Architect." Ryuji keeps his tool shed and equipment on the place in exchange for taking care of the property. Three new air conditioners have been installed in different areas of the big house: one in the living/dining room, one in our bedroom, and the other in our office. We are very grateful for their thoughtful insistence!

FOUR NEW ONLINE STUDENTS are studying at OBS. They are from two different congregations north of Tokyo in the city of Mito. The Japanese school year begins in April and ends in March.



WONDERFUL NEWS! We have a new sister in Christ! Yuki Ando is one of our KCS moms whose 2 boys have been enrolled for five years. She and Rickie have been good friends during these years and we rejoice with her for her new relationship with Jesus and her baptism in June! She first started learning about God and Jesus 8 years ago when she was a college student in Texas and was mentored by her landlord, a lady in her 80s! She has been coming to our International Nights, and we have seen her grow in her knowledge and love of our Lord! She and her two boys are moving to the Tokyo area to be with her husband. (They had thought he would be transferred to our area, but that didn't happen.) Please pray for Yuki and her family as they adjust to a new location, a new school, and a new church home.



RICKIE'S ENGLISH/BIBLE CLASS is on a 2-month summer break, but our 80-year-old neighbor lady, Mrs. Takahashi, insisted on continuing her private lessons throughout the summer. She is always excited to come, and, when Rickie asked how long she studies, she answered "about two hours every night!"

I continue to make the drive to OBS chapel, usually about an hour's drive each way, on Tuesdays and Fridays, with Rickie usually going with me on Fridays.

Friday, June 21st, was "OBS DAY"—the day on the calendar when they make an informational trip somewhere. This year they visited the home of Mr. Vories, who was the Christian architect whose company designed and built the OBS building. We were unable to go this time because Rickie could not easily go up and down the stairs.

We recently received a call from a member of Rickie's former English class. She and two others of the five ladies wanted to come and visit. They are a fun group of ladies and we enjoyed their visit very much! PRAY!



INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS: On one of our recent parties a professional "Rakugo" man (a Japanese sit-down comedian) entertained our group, involving a guest. He really was funny and the audience enjoyed the show. After our June International Night, we are now on "summer break" until September, when we will start up again. It is a great time of fellowship, fun games, refreshments, and a discipling devotional at the end of the evening, emphasizing outreach to those who are seeking God.



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MONGOLIA MINISTRY: We continue to be in touch with our Mongolian colleagues. We were called to this ministry in January 1999 and have supported, prayed for, and, until COVID, visited them once or twice a year since that time. I have entered Mongolia 31 times and Rickie, 14 times. They call us the "Grandpa and Grandma" of the Centurions Ministry. It thrills us to still be involved with them, and to read their newsletters.

Pictured here is from the latest ministry report of Bayaraa and Gerlee, who only recently returned to Mongolia from Colorado where Gerlee was earning her Master's degree in Pastoral Counseling. We visited them there a couple years ago. They work with the Family Life Ministry and an outreach ministry called Homebuilders. The picture is of a "Small Group" of Homebuilders that they met with in the city of Darkhan, north of Ulaanbaatar close to the Russian border. This is a transferable method designed to train and equip couples to lead other couples in small groups in applying biblical principles in Family Life. Bayaraa and Gerlee are pictured on the right side.



The Family Life ministry has trained over 500 couples to lead HB groups since 2017.

BEAT UP BY THUGS! Na, also a believer and active in ministry with his wife Tuya, who is one of our senior staff workers, was beaten up by thugs a couple of months ago. After two surgeries he is doing much better; however, he cannot sleep on a bed because of the healing of his broken ribs, so he has to sit up and sleep with his head on a pillow on the table. Please pray for Na (pronounced Nah). Please pray for his total healing. Na said: "I really couldn't pray before the surgery, I was in such a shock. The only thing I said was, 'Lord, You know that You have my life and that You will give me life.' Even though I was struggling with pain, I had a perfect sense of the Lord's love. Also, I am very grateful to God for giving me a good and competent doctor who showed me God's love, and for my wife's care and concern for me. The Lord's word in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 encouraged me and I fully believed that the Lord gave me life. Now I can no longer work and live as the old Na. I feel that the Lord wants me to live as a new person. So thank you so much for your concern and prayers for me."



CENTURIONS MINISTRY: Pictured here is the CM summer camping retreat. Also, Brother Batka, the Director of Centurions Ministry, wrote that twelve CM participating cadets graduated from the Military and Police Academies and have now become new officers. "They will soon be assigned to military or police units and branches to all corners of Mongolia on duty assignments. Maybe this assignment seems like just a job in the eyes of others, but for us, it is a mission they are sent on to witness to the light of Jesus wherever they go. Whenever you remember, please pray for these 12 new Christian officers who are being sent out like sheep among wolves."

Our former director, Sumya, and his wife Undra, are moving to Colorado so he can do graduate work to prepare himself for further leadership in ministry in Mongolia. Undra is with child as they make this move. Please pray for them as they adjust to the U.S. culture. Another family that we have known well from our first trip to Mongolia in May 1999, Gantumur and Deegi and family, are now, in military language, "stationed" in Virginia, as the "Campus Crusade for Christ, Military Ministry, Director of Asia Operations."



MONGOLIA—THE LAND OF THE BLUE SKY