



Jesus 4 Greater Asia UPDATE FROM JAPAN



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... our email to you ...

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ALL-JAPAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION: It has been a few years since we were able to attend the annual convention, since we have often been in the U.S. or Mongolia when it was held. We enjoyed the music and the messages, as well as being with friends we hadn't seen in a long time. The convention was held in a resort hotel in Okayama and was excellently planned by the congregations in Okayama led by Brother Sugiyama and Missionary Keith Summers.



We stayed in a "container" for both nights! It had a TV, a refrigerator, two single beds and a nice bathroom with a tub/shower—a set-up like a regular Japanese business-hotel and more reasonable.

MONGOLIA CONNECTIONS: We are called the "Grandpa and Grandma" of the Centurions (Military) Ministry. We hear regularly from our evangelist colleagues in Mongolia. Summer is a very active time for them as they travel to places that are hard to reach in the cold weather and witness to people who have never heard of Jesus. When they return from their outreach trips, they always report and send pictures of the large number of people who responded positively. Though we were asked to work with the Centurions Military Ministry in 1999 because I was a Green Beret, there are other ministries too: Medical, Teachers, Campus Life, Athletes, Herder Families, Senior, Junior Officers, and Cadets. They have asked us to come in March for their National Military Memorial Day. Hopefully, we can make it. Please pray!



HOT JAPAN! As you may have read, this has been the hottest summer on record in many countries. Japan has been no exception, and we are very grateful for now having three additional room air conditioners in our 74-year-old house (strongly suggested by our daughters)! Thank you, Jennifer and Jocelyn!

INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS: We are looking forward to resuming our monthly International Nights after taking the summer off, as we usually do. We plan to start up again on October 5th with another visit from Skip Tanaka, a Christian musician from Tennessee who tries to come every year. It is a great time of fellowship, fun games, refreshments, and a devotional at the end of the evening. The emphasis is on **outreach** as well as fellowship with believers..



I often strike up conversations with people on the train or elsewhere and invite them to attend our next International Night. We are looking forward to seeing at least one new family this time. The mother works at the hospital and we have had an email from her saying their whole family is coming. Please pray that, through this monthly event, there will be others who will give their lives to Christ.

MINISTRIES WE ARE INVOLVED WITH: Rickie has an English/Bible class with three ladies every week. The ladies are always well prepared. She also teaches an 80-year-old neighbor widow lady who lives a few houses away from ours. She is a survivor of the Hiroshima bombing in 1945 when she was just a toddler. This Fall Rickie is starting each lesson with 20 minutes of Bible study with Mrs. Takahashi, who has never had a Bible. We would like you to join in prayer with us that God will become real to her and that she will take to heart what she learns from the Bible each week. Rickie also alternates playing the piano for worship at Nakaburi Church next door.

I preach monthly at Kamizono Church of Christ, an hour's drive from our home, and every other month at Nakaburi Church of Christ. I also preach at OBS Chapel regularly. I continue to prepare fresh messages from my continuing study and research.



RICKIE'S TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY on her right knee will take place on October 17th. The doctor said she will be in the hospital for 7-10 days, then will be transferred to one of their sister hospitals for around 2 weeks of rehabilitation. She is looking forward to the results, not the surgery! Your prayers will be appreciated.

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