



# 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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Precious Loved Ones! Our hearts were humbled as we reviewed our Personal Support for 2024! We see so many names of friends from long ago and recent years who continue to pray for us and give faithfully. Some supporters and congregations have been with us from the beginning (before 1985)!! We are very grateful for the congregations and individuals who have joined them. As we remember each of you separately, we praise our Lord for our friendships over the years for all who have joined in prayer and giving toward our ministries in Japan and Asia. Our preparation for coming to Japan as missionaries followed from our sabbatical in 1975, arriving in Japan the summer of 1985. We have now lived 40 years in Japan (+5 for myself and +1 for Rickie), giving our lives to reaching those who do not know Jesus and discipling believers.

**RICKIE'S ENGLISH-BIBLE CLASS** continues on Tuesdays with three ladies, two of whom have come from the beginning back in the 1990s. She begins the class with 20 minutes of Bible study, then continues teaching English with the ladies from various books. Even though Rickie retired from Kansai Christian School 1 1/2 years ago, we both remain a part of the school: I am Vice Chairman of the board and Rickie has been asked to continue as an advisor.

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS** in our large basement continue to bring new people. We delayed the new year start until February. From the picture you don't get the real idea of how big our basement is. The house was built in 1950-52 by Ray Mings for the family, and the basement to be used for the Nakaburi congregation. What you see in the picture is only about one-third of its size. It has an outside entrance and was divided into classrooms with a worship area. With our remodeling, only the "Great Room" remains as it was, where now a ping-pong table is set up and where we serve refreshments. The last third was unfinished and we made it into an apartment (bedroom, kitchenette, bathroom), which serves our general use and can also be used for guests. When we arrived, only the "Great Room" was used by the congregation and we had the vision of using it as it has been now over the years.



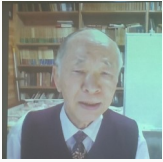
There are usually between 20-40 people who attend these fun parties—games, interaction, fellowship, and food—then our time of singing praises to our Lord and my 20-minute message from the Word. Our guests come from as far as an hour's drive away, and several are not yet followers of Jesus.

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**OBS NEWS:** Brother Seimin Sugiyama, following our renowned Professor Oda (long in the Lord's presence), has made his own mark teaching Greek at OBS since 1979. He is pictured in the last OBS chapel for the school year, his last campus appearance as staff, upon retiring. Some time ago the Sugiyamas moved to Okayama, (over 100 miles from OBS) and he has been faithfully commuting. He will certainly be missed!



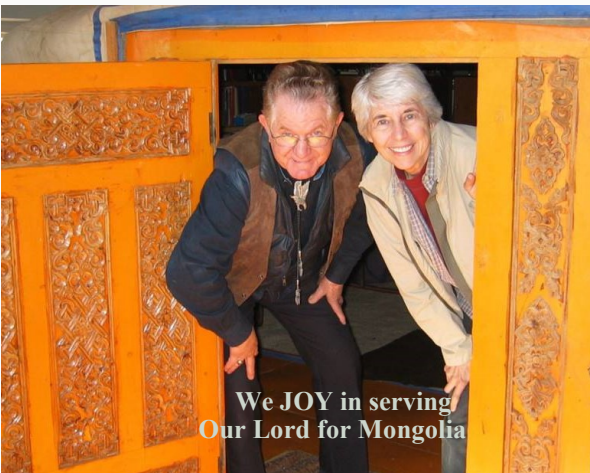
**New Greek Professor:** Miss Nagahara, a graduate of Kyoto University and OBS, now follows in the strong tradition of OBS's Greek program.

Personally, my research that began "crime'n'criminal" continues. OBS was fundamentalist controversy and this

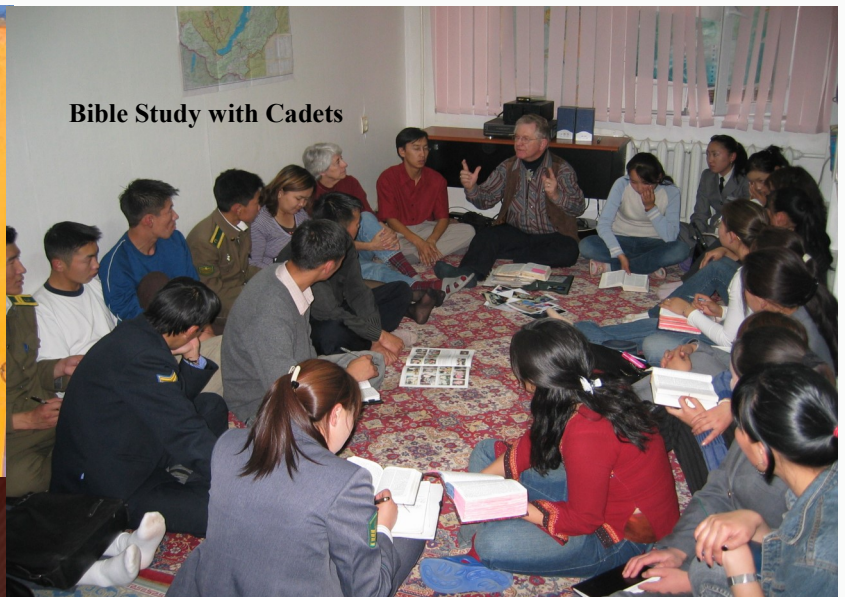


over "tsumi'n'tsumibito" being translated as established in the time of the liberal/ may be another such time for stepping out.

**OUR MONGOLIA MINISTRY** continues and this summer we hope to make one more trip there. We continue to encourage and communicate back and forth with our many good friends and workers in Mongolia. Their ministries continue to increase and their converts have faithfully become a part of their ongoing outreach. It is such a "breath of fresh air" to work with these faithful co-workers in Mongolia as the country remains open to the Good News of Jesus Christ! (The percentage of Christians in Japan is about 1.1% and in Mongolia has now grown to about 1.3%.) Please pray that more and more Mongolians will give their lives to Christ and that our Kingdom of God workers will keep on keeping on! Their growth would not be the same without your prayers. Thanks again for your part in reaching Asia with the Gospel.



We JOY in serving Our Lord for Mongolia



Bible Study with Cadets



Jesus Film Campus Crusade for Christ's 30th Anniversary & Centurions Ministry's 25th

Warren Willis, Founding Director of MCCC (now with our Lord)



Dining table with Centurions Ministry Staff All CM Directors, Past and Present, at Table