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**GREETINGS** from Paul and Rickie Clark in Osaka, Japan. We have some good reporting to do, as well as needing your prayers as we continue to reach out to people in the Osaka area and other places. We know many of you pray diligently for the Japanese to receive God's Word in their lives and for us as we reach out to them.

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS** this year have been somewhat unusual and it is taking time to regain the "momentum" after the long corona virus interruption. However, with a very small group



in February, we ended up skipping the games and having a very meaningful conversation time in our living room. Waiting on the Lord, the recent times have been a serious outreach to some long-time seekers! We have had some very good conversations about God and why we have been in Japan for over 40 years with them. In March, there were a few more and it was another good conversational time. In April, we had 15 in attendance, so we played games, had refreshments, singing, and I gave my discipling and evangelistic message. Hopefully, we are getting back up into the 20's or more. In the picture is Yu Yamada, whom we have known since he entered Kansai Christian School in 1st grade! His mother is like a daughter to us and has taught at KCS for 20 years. He is a graduate of both Lincoln Christian College & Seminary in Illinois, and now is in his third year of teaching at KCS, working with a Congregation's worship team and occasionally preaching.

**MONGOLIA TRIP:** In our last eUpdate we may have surprised people, as we had previously considered our trip to Mongolia three years ago to be likely our last one. It is difficult to stop

going there to encourage our friends as they work unceasingly to bring others into the Lord's Kingdom, and they keep asking us to come again! (In other words, it is not for us to determine when our last time will be.) The way our workers, by the grace of God, continue to bring others to the Lord excites us, especially because there are so few numbers here in Japan. When they happen, they are certainly wonderful! Please keep us and our workers there in prayer that our mighty God will continue to reach minds and hearts to believe! We are really looking forward to our trip to Mongolia this summer!



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Pray Ye Lord of the Harvest, Acts 17:30 www.jesus4greaterasia paulrickie@jesus4greaterasia.com <u>OBS Support:</u> Osaka Bible Seminary PO Box 1697 Columbia, MO 65205 We started going to Mongolia in 1999 without any idea it would be such a long and significant ministry for us. One of our first trips was to help with the Jesus Film, which our group showed



nightly in many different places across the steppe, usually beginning the movie about 10:00 p.m. because it was still light until then. For about two weeks we traveled each day until we found a good place for the evening to stop, set up, and camp. We would find a place that had several gers and would announce that we were going to show a movie that evening (out in the open steppe). Many people would come to see the 2hour movie, which was followed with an invitation to meet with the Mongolian staff members. Many responded positively! Now the outreach across the nation is in a whole new phase!

For myself, this will be my 32nd time and Rickie's 13th time in Mongolia

for ministry We enjoyed helping celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Jesus Film in August of 2022 and our CM's 25th anniversary. After COVID we thought it would surely have been our

last trip, but God had other plans for us. We have many Christian friends in Mongolia now and are looking forward to working with them again. We already have our tickets for leaving Japan on June 25 and returning July 5th.

We will stay with Bayaraa and Gerlee, a couple we have known since our first trip there in 1999 when they were just dating. Now their three children are in their late teens and early 20s! They spent a few years in Colorado, while Gerlee finished her graduate degree at a Christian University and waited out the Corona Virus. We were privileged to visit them during one of our

trips back to the U.S. Now back in Mongolia they have established a counseling ministry. We will enjoy conversing with the kids in their fluent English without Gerlee having to translate! Mongolia is a big country and we have been all over it on mission trips, traveling open coun-

try and roads by van. It has always been fun to see the round movable canvas-covered felt gers (called yurts in Russian) and the many flocks of sheep and goats, cattle, yaks, horses, and camels in the beautiful country God designed!

