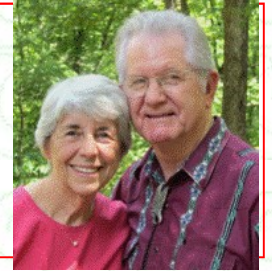




Jesus 4 Greater Asia UPDATE FROM JAPAN



Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan

Paul and Rickie Clark

... our email to you ...

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NOTE: We no longer do a yearly annual news magazine. Enjoy this extra long eUpdate!

GREETINGS from Paul and Rickie Clark in Osaka, Japan. We remain busy here and see that it is time to bring you up-to-date on our different ministries. We are both well and enjoying the warmer weather. We know it will get much hotter this summer and are grateful for our air conditioning. Every year around the first week in June in our area, we begin about six weeks of rainy season, and this year's *tsuyu* has officially begun! *Sunshine today—more rain tomorrow!*

MONGOLIA TRIP: In our last eUpdate we may have surprised people, as we had previously considered our trip to Mongolia two years ago to likely be 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! To put it simply, we have learned that it is not for us to determine when our last trip will be.



The way our workers, by the grace of God, continue to bring other Mongolians to the Lord excites us, especially because there are very few numbers of conversions here in Japan. When they happen, they are certainly wonderful!



An early trip to Mongolia

We will begin our trip to Mongolia on June 25 and return July 5. We ask you to keep us in prayer, that our Father may be honored and that our staff may be encouraged as they continue to witness to family, friends and "people on the street" about our Father God, who can give them life everlasting. We were so surprised! Now,

flying Osaka to Ulanbaatur is a direct flight! It is now a four-hour trip going and a three hour trip returning! We've always had to stay overnight in Korea each direction! We were excited to visit the Mongolia Pavilion at Expo 2025.

LOTS OF COMPANY! This month we entertained a wonderful group of nine people from Eastern Tennessee for four days. They were from different congregations in that area, and when they came from Nagano to the Osaka area, they used our home as headquarters for their various outreaches. Our car made several trips back and forth carrying the luggage and the team.



Letting off the group of nine at the train station near us

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KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is still a part of our lives even though Rickie retired two years ago after 38 years of service as Executive Assistant. I remain on the school board (40 years now) as Vice Chairman and Rickie was asked to continue to meet with the board as one



who knows the history of the school and decisions of the past.

"PTL!!!" KCS has been accepted as a candidate for accreditation with the Association of Christian Schools International! We have now had our initial visit with an ACSI representative and as a result of his good report, we have been accepted as a candidate!

Graduation this year was the 13th of June with four Christian graduates.

With a Ghana graduate, we added another country to our list of nations represented. Pray for these young ladies as they continue their lives, that they may be an example of God's love wherever they are. We would also appreciate your prayers for new students and families to enroll at KCS. It has top academics and committed Christian teachers who teach from the Bible first thing every morning and they have all-chapel every Friday.



INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS this year have been somewhat unusual to the past and with a different schedule. After our summer break we are looking forward to getting back to normal in September. For those of you who may not know what our "International Nights" are, we have a large house with a full basement originally for accommodating our congregation like a church building. We play fun games, then take a break for refreshments. Then we sing worship songs and I give a short message from the Bible. After that, people are free to stay, have fun and conversation. The house was built by Ray Mings, a missionary who arrived in the



1950s with his family. (We have lived here now for 40 years, since 1985.) When we upgraded our full basement, we created an all-serving apartment, a rest room with bath, kitchen, bedroom, and a large room where we have a ping-pong table and where we serve refreshments. At the end we do have a very large room where we have our International Night games and worship time.

We had a good friend bring another friend to International Night several years ago. When they went through the downstairs kitchen area, his friend was amazed! Our friend said, "This isn't all! There's a bowling alley at the end!" Of course, he was joking, but we do have a very large room at the end of the basement which could seat 30-50 and is where we assemble for our International Nights, which we began in 1999.



RICKIE'S LADIES' ENGLISH and BIBLE CLASS takes a break in July & August and will resume in September. The lady on the left and the one in red have both been a part of the class for over 20 years. The lady on the right has come for close to ten years. Jennifer & Jocelyn were visiting this time. All are good students and they are always well prepared for the class with essays and other homework assigned to them! None are Christians. . . yet! There is always a 20-25 minute Bible study at the beginning of the class. Please pray that they will come to an understanding that Jesus loves them and wants them to believe in Him!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

My "Timothy," Yu Yamada, is now engaged to Mana, a PK" (Preacher's Kid) who lives in South Osaka and works for the Lord fulltime with her parents. Yu's commitment to serving the Lord with all his heart is evident, and so is Mana's. Yu graduated with a Straight A grade record from both Lincoln Christian College and Lincoln Christian Seminary with his Bachelor's and Master's degrees before the school closed. We made a trip "over the hill" last Sunday to where KCS is, and listened to him preach. He preached a special message on the parable of the wedding feast—everybody thought it was appropriate! We have known Yu since he was a little guy. His mother, Ikumi, a teacher at Kansai Christian School, has taught the longest of any of the staff.



A MOST UNFORGETTABLE PERSON in my life was Brother Burton Bialek! Lonnie Mings introduced Burt to me. The three of us, Donnie and Lonnie Mings and I, the same age, called ourselves the "Three Musketeers". Burt has now joined Lonnie and Donnie in the Heavenlies. Bro'Burt was raised in the New York Jewish Community to be a Rabbi. Converted, he found his way to Japan and served out his life as an English teacher! He greatly enlarged my library, sloughing off box after box of his read books—and a pile of read, notated and underlined Bibles! While I was OBS President he prepared a syllabus for teaching Biblical Archeology. He learned far too late he was suffering from cancer and was soon in the Presence of his Lord! My Bro'Burt! You always were and will remain an encouragement to me until we are together again. Much to do yet before we meet; until then He remains our SHALOM! Hallelujah! (Full story in the Cover letter)



GRANDPA AND GRANDMA CLARK have so made over our own grandchildren (below is pictured our great grandson Miles we are so proud of) that we feel free to share our joy over our host of Mongolian grandchildren among the resulting Christian CM couples. Our first two CM directors, Gantumur and Bayaraa, were original Academy Graduates & reserve officers, but the next two we have known from their cadet days--with these CMD's alone we have 11 from cradle to college.



A QUICK REPORT ON OUR FAMILY: (L to R) Jonathan, Jeremy, Jocelyn and Jennifer: Chad and Jennifer continue their ministry in the town of Ishinomaki, north of Tokyo. Sons Caleb and Gideon still remain in Japan and Anika, Josiah and Katia are scattered in Chicago, Canada, and California. Katia will be in Europe this school year with other Pepperdine students. Chris and Jocelyn and most of their family are in Missouri. Benjamin & Haley live south of them. Their oldest, Michaela and Sam (with our great-grandson Miles) live in Maryland. Both Jennifer and Jocelyn take care of the income given to our ministry and send receipts and thank-you's to the donors, forward funds to Japan as needed and report the income to the government. They are a great help to us! Jeremy, Amy and Edison live in North Carolina and are very helpful with technical things that we don't know much about! Jonathan, Chi and Sean live in Southern California where they both have technical jobs. Our daughters each have five kids, and our sons have one each. All are special to us! We had a visit from Jocelyn in February this year, a couple from Jennifer, and a visit from Jonathan and Chi, who treated us to a day at the Osaka Expo.

