



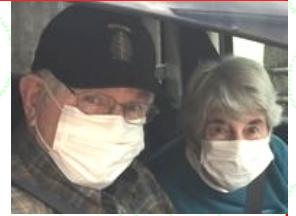
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UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan

Paul and Rickie Clark

... our email to you ...



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It was SEVENTY YEARS AGO on April 23, 1950, that my family and I arrived in Japan. I was 10 and my sisters were 5 and 6. We had boarded the American President Lines (APL) General W.H. Gordon Ocean Liner (what had been a WWII troop transport ship) in San Francisco on the afternoon of Easter Sunday after my father preached at the First Christian Church in Santa Cruz, CA, where Rickie's father was the minister. Dennis Rickard had also baptized my father when Dad was 16 and encouraged him to go into the ministry. He ordained him for a lifetime of serving the Lord. (Yes, Rickie and I met at the ages of 9 and 10, but it was not "love at first sight! :)

It took 14 days to cross the Pacific Ocean to Yokohama Harbor. (I later saw the ship with Marines disembarking down nets on General MacArthur's Incheon landing in the Korean war.) We were met in Yokohama by missionaries Harold Cole and Harold Taylor welcoming us to Japan. From there we traveled to Osaka by train, which took about 8 hours. (Now the "bullet train" travels from Tokyo to Osaka in 2 1/2 to 3 hours!)

The house being built for us was not yet finished so we stayed with Harold and Leone Cole and their (then) three children. About six weeks later the house was finished and we moved in. The remodeled house now serves as the Asahi church building and living quarters for President Kishimoto and family.

My father, Martin B. Clark, served as president of Osaka Bible Seminary for 39 years until he passed into the presence of our Lord. I followed him as president for another 12 years before passing it over to Japanese leadership. Brother Nakano led the seminary for 7 years and now Brother Kishimoto has been president for 10 years.

Our family arrived in 1985. Now our kids are scattered. Chad and Jennifer and family are missionaries in Ishinomaki in northern Japan; Chris and Jocelyn and family live in Missouri; Jeremy, Amy and Edison are in North Carolina; and Jonathan, Chi and Sean live in Southern California.

Much has changed in these 70 years but the need for the gospel affirms our witness. We are seeing more results now with our staying on in His service in Japan. That is why we remain and we thank you for your support in prayer and giving. *You are His blessing of the Japanese people as we continue in our calling!*



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Paul on right; his sisters 1st and 3rd from left
Martin is the tall one and Evelyn is 4th from left

The MONGOLIA CENTURIONS MINISTRY, with whom we work, is one we can all learn from. We hear regularly from several different staff members and here are some of the reports: "It is paradoxical to see how the lack of physical relationship is translated into people's openness in the online environment. Surprisingly, more people are becoming more open and willing to discuss their important life issues online. In average, each staff communicates with 3-5 people daily to connect with people for mentorship, discipleship and even evangelism. It takes the same amount of work and effort if we were to meet physically. Therefore, by the grace of God, we are not closing or shrinking in our ministry. We are praying and seeking the Lord to expand our efforts and open more opportunities to reach out. This Good Friday, on 10th April, our team led online worship service to encourage us of Christ's death and resurrection. Thank God for the 14,000 viewers who watched the service. We screened Jesus film on national TV station on 11th April and 12th April. Thank God for the 130,000 viewers who watch from movie and 32,000 people who viewed the 'Live' screening online." — Sumya, Centurions Ministry Director



Jonathan 9,
Jeremy 11,
Jocelyn 15,
Jennifer 17 & us shortly after we arrived in Japan



"The various branches meet and share the Lord's Word live in Facebook groups and the members also do their own Bible studies by video chat. Every day I meet with my Cadets' group online to share a series of studies on the Sermon on the Mount." —Batka, Cadets Ministry



"Hello, My grandpa and grandma, We miss you, too. A time of fasting and prayer for 40 days began among the workers for this time. All glory to God." — Your daughter Otgoo, Cadet Ministry

Dear Grandpa and Grandma, We are healthy right now. God is good! How are you two? We are worrying about you. Kids no school until 30th April. They were so disappointed because you two weren't able to come to Mongolia! — Gantumur (1st CM Director) and Deegi



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