



Jesus 4 Greater Asia UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan



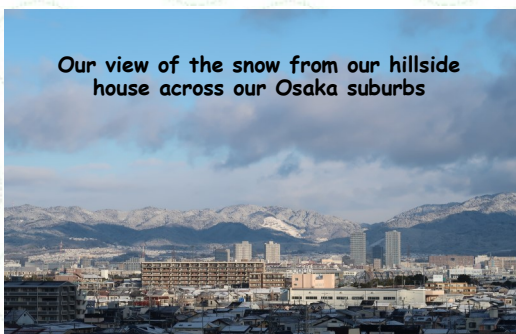
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... our email to you ...

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GREETINGS FROM JAPAN! It is the pre-Spring" plum blossoming time here. Temperatures are now up to about 40 degrees F. rather than around freezing. However, we did have some snow this month! This is the view from our 72-year-old home. The snow was gone by evening, but fun when we could see it! We ministered at Lake Tahoe, CA, for seven years, AND do miss the snow!

OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY continues to teach students the Word of God and how to reach out in various forms of ministry. Pictured here is one of our graduating seniors, the son of our President Kishimoto. There will also be a lady graduate who has faithfully studied at OBS. Not only do our students study in class, but they also get experience in speaking in chapel and interning at various congregations in the area. OBS graduation will take place in March.



Our view of the snow from our hillside house across our Osaka suburbs

BACK TO INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS AGAIN! What a wonderful time we had at our International Night after about three years without them, due to COVID-19! We had 30 in attendance with several KCS students this time. They had a ball . . . and so did everyone else! There were seven countries represented, and several people who had never been to an International Night at the Clark's home, Hikari no Ie (House of Light). We plan to continue this year's



MARVIN RICKARD: Rickie's brother Marvin, 91, has gone into the Lord's presence. He was a well-known preacher in California and ministered in the 1960s-'80s for 27 years at Los Gatos Christian Church which became one of the first "mega-churches" in California. Their father, Dennis Rickard, and brother-in-law, Wayne Thomas, were also preachers, and Dad Rickard baptized my father, Martin Clark, who came to Japan as a missionary with our family in April 1950. I was here until we went back to the U.S.A. in 1955, and my sisters stayed until 1962. Dad and Mom lived out their lives here. We both appreciate our Christian heritage.

parties until summer break. We play fun mixer games, have snacks, followed by a time of singing praise songs and my message from God's Word. People like to linger afterwards, too. They come from many different places, some of which are an hour's drive away.



Our main purpose is to bring non-Christians to our Lord Jesus Christ, in addition to providing a relaxed atmosphere for Christians to enjoy the fellowship with one another.

SUMMER IN THE STATES: We are planning to travel in the United States this summer reporting to a limited number of congregations and individuals who support our mission ministry and us personally. If you would like us to plan to be with you on a Lord's Day, we can try to fit in a visit to your congregation. We would like to have our schedule planned by the end of April, so would appreciate receiving communication from you if you want to hear what the Lord is doing in Japan and Mongolia. We will also be spending time with our family, which is scattered from California and Oregon to Missouri to North Carolina, as well as Japan. We are hoping, also, to have a family reunion with our immediate family, spouses and children. We are grateful for friends who have volunteered the use of their cars and we are looking forward to seeing many of you in the States.

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KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: We are having a good year at KCS. Our Interim Principal Kenelee Henderson is a very experienced educator and was also the KCS Principal from 1990-94) and a teacher for two years in the 1980s. Her husband Tom works by computer from here, but still has to make trips back to supervise his workers. We have three students so far who will take the first grade entry test at KCS in April. One of our former students returned to KCS after doing a semester of online study and we are happy to have her back.

This last week I went from the Administration building to a smaller building which houses the first through fourth grade classes. I went upstairs to the 3rd-4th grades, at the invitation of Ms. Yamada, the teacher, to observe the students doing a science project—dissecting a fish! The students were very serious in their search for fish parts that they had already studied about. One would think they would be very vocal with a loud "yuck!" about not liking their assignment, but they were very excited about learning!

Every class has a full period of daily Bible study, plus an all-school chapel on Fridays. Our Christian teachers have the opportunity to bring God into the subjects they teach. Pray that KCS students and parents alike who are not yet believers, will come to know their Creator. We know of two of the moms who are very close to confessing Jesus as their Savior!

We have now been on our own property since 2009 after renting facilities from 1970 to 2009. We enjoy the small town of Heguri and are close to everything. We are realizing a welcome spirit in the community. The 3rd-4th grade class is in the building pictured below with the big sign on it. The 1st-2nd grade room is on the first floor. Grades 5-12 are in the building behind, along with the offices. On the left is our auditorium and gym.



Ms. Ikumi Yamada in the staff room showing me the fish



MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS: We often go to the picture file on our computer that shows pictures I have taken of places we have been, culture that we have particularly noticed, or just interesting things that trigger memories or customs that we notice are different from our homeland, the U.S.A. We'd like to share some of those with you in the pictures and comments below.

The picture below, is of our hospital where we have both "served time." Kansai University Hospital is only a 10-minute drive from our home and is rated among the top hospitals in the world and No. 1 in Japan. We can see the tower building from our house. It is actually the hospital's "hotel" for families who need to stay when their family member has been admitted to the hospital. KUH is part of a university campus where they train students who are medical majors. We have both had surgeries and multiple day stays at the place I call our "beso" (vacation home). A "God thing"—we have been here 37 years and 10 years ago God provided this wonderful hospital close by.



Kansai University Hospital

(all the buildings on the right)

JAPANESE CULTURE: We still have street vendors but most of them operate out of trucks now. The picture on the right shows a lady who is selling yaki-imo (baked sweet potatoes); and the truck (below right) is there for people who love cream-filled sweet buns. Yum! These trucks are situated very near the next train station on our line.



Atlantic Salmon from Norway

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加工年月日 7190 (税込)
消費期限 23.2.6 消費期限 (円)
23.2.8
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As tempting as it was, however, we were celebrating **Valentine's Day** in our car with a frozen strawberry treat from a convenience store!



WE HAVE A COSTCO STORE only about 30 minutes from our home and we like salmon so we buy it there. When you add up the cost, however, it shows what an expensive country we live in. The package in dollars amounted to \$49.75, so I cut it into very small servings for ten meals and we enjoyed every little bite of it!