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# UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan



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. . . our email to you . . .

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**OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY** has never been large. The percentage of Christians in Japan remains at only one-half of one percent. Yet OBS has never been without students and there are OBS alumni preaching and serving on all the main islands of Japan. One lady will graduate in March and we have heard that at least one new student is planning on entering OBS this April. (The Japanese school year is from April to March.) All our students and staff take turns preaching and leading worship in daily chapels. Please pray for our alumni and our incoming and graduating students. Pray, too, that those who hear, will be open to the good news!



**MAKING ACQUAINTANCES IN OUR LOCAL PARK:** We enjoy taking walks in our local park about five minutes from our house. They always plant flowers and the Fall is time for beautiful chrysanthemums. We like to strike up conversations with people and now we have several who greet us. The children in this picture enjoyed the attention, and many of the older people will speak to us first. Some even remember the Mings family who lived here before we arrived in 1985.



**NAKABURI CONGREGATION:** I speak at Nakaburi about every other month. This group from KCS came one of those Lord's Days—from Japan, USA and the Marshall Islands. What a fellowship we will all have in heaven! with believers from all nations!



**KAMIZONO CONGREGATION** welcomes us once a month as we share God's Word. There are several who have yet to confess the Lord as their Savior.

Kamizono main worship area along with Annex



Please pray that they will yield to God and humble them-

**KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HAS A PROBLEM!** It's a good problem! Some classes are filled to capacity and we cannot accept any other students. We have had many inquiries this winter from parents wishing to enroll their children at KCS. There are families returning to Japan who have lived abroad for a number of years, as well as other families who are moving to Japan for business reasons, who need an English education for their children. Others have been planning for a few years to enter their children in KCS. We desire only those families who are open to the Lord. Please pray the Lord will give us wisdom about which students to accept and which should not be accepted at this time.



**KCS TEACHER DEVOTIONALS:** This school year our KCS principal, Debbie Baumann, has been sending daily devotionals to our staff—quotes from Henry Blackaby, and this one from Psalm 110:3 is worth passing on to you!

*One mark of revival, during which God comes to His people in power, is that God's people are compelled to offer their lives for His service. Many churches lack people who are willing to get involved in carrying out God's redemptive work. The mission fields are crying out for Christians to go and share the gospel with those who've never heard it. What we need is not more pleas for volunteers, but an outpouring of the power of God. When God comes among His people in power, there is never a shortage of volunteers or resources for His work!*

*When Christians today are asked what aspects of the Christian life are most important to them, missions is not usually ranked as a priority. This is because we have lost track of why God called us in the first place. We were not saved from our sin simply so that we would qualify for heaven. God delivered us so we would have a relationship with Him through which He could carry out His mission to redeem a lost world.*

*Only the power of God can free us from our natural self-centeredness and reorient us toward the mission of God. There is no need to pray that God would come in power. That is the only way He ever comes. We need hearts that are so responsive to Him that He will choose to demonstrate His power through us. Is your heart so filled with love for God that you are watching for the first opportunity to say with Isaiah, "Here am I. Send me!"?*

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