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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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OUR 61st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of our 1961 wedding was made VERY SPECIAL when on July 9th, MILES CLARK RICHARDSON made us great-grandparents for the first time! He was born to Sam and Michaela Richardson (Chris and Jocelyn's daughter and son-in-law) a few days late but right on time for our anniversary! Thank you, Sam and Michaela, for making it such a special celebration! Sam's mother, L.B. Richardson, is the chaplain at the hospital where Miles was born and, because of L.B., Jocelyn was able to arrive at the hospital earlier than normal. Our congratulations go to Mark and L.B., too, as they add another grandchild. Rickie and I celebrated by making a 4-day, 3-night trip, using airline reward miles, to the Oki Islands in the Sea of Japan. The islands are beautiful and have had a historic role in Japanese history. They have a culture of their own and are especially significant for their geological history. For all our knowledge and travels about Japan, these islands had remained unknown to us. We



enjoyed exploring the main island as well as taking a coastal boat tour around one of the other islands for a day. What an amazing Creator our God is! (Known for raising beef for the table, their Yakiniiku—thin beef grilled at the table—was the best we have ever had.)

At KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL we are looking forward to Kenelee and Tom Henderson's coming to us from California for a year. She will be Interim Principal and Tom can do his job from home, except for some trips back and forth. Kenelee and Rickie worked together at KCS for five years in the 80's and '90s. She was principal at that time for four of the six years she was here. She has retired recently from teaching science in a Bakersfield, California high school, and they are both excited about a time of serving the Lord in Japan.

MONGOLIA!!! FINALLY!! After four years (five for Rickie) we are able to get back to Mongolia. We will be celebrating our Centurions Ministry's 25th anniversary, the Jesus Film and Mongolian Campus Crusade for Christ's 30th anniversary. Miracle of miracles (prayer) we had changed plans once, then cancelled going at all! COVID changes and Incheon airport's new Terminal 2 have made overnight airport hotel stays in both directions necessary and reservations were unavailable for all windows of time. Before we actually cancelled reservations, Rickie made one more phone call with a suggested change of date; it was accepted and the new date made it a cheaper flight and covered our penalty for changing our departure date. We leave August 8th and return on the 17th.

LOST AND FOUND RELATIVES!

Scott and Sheila Salter, living near Yokohama, visited us earlier this month with their children. We think we have it figured out that Scott Salter is Rickie's third cousin once removed—his great-grandfather and Rickie's Salter grand-father being first cousins. Scott and Sheila's desire for the day was not to sight-see but to learn more about our ministries. Sheila came early by bullet-train to join Rickie's English/Bible class. Scott and the children drove down a bit later and we took them to KCS and OBS. It was a special time of getting acquainted and enjoying the fellowship with one another, not only as relatives, but as fellow Christians.

We have known of Dr. Hugh Ross, Reasons to Believe, from the time we arrived in Japan. Brother Tim Boyle, a fellow missionary, saw to his being the Hayama Missionary Seminary guest in 1996 when we became personally acquainted. Warren Willis, founding director of MCCC, invited me to come to Mongolia to organize the military ministry to become known as Centurions Ministry and summoned us to join the Hugh Ross seminar in Mongolia in 1999. Brother Hugh has stayed in our home and visited OBS and KCS. Over the years, especially in the present, he has become like a virtual mentor. I take him to be our pre-eminent astronomer of the day for two reasons: he is that and a committed evangelist for the Kingdom of God.



GOOD HEALTH NEWS: Rickie's Heart Surgeon has released her to our family doctor in our nearby clinic. She is almost back to normal. She plans to retire from her responsibilities at KCS at the end of next year. It will be hard for her to leave after serving in the office for 38 years.

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