



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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CATCHING UP! We were surprised when we looked at our most current eUpdate, thinking the last one we sent was for March 2023 but found out, instead, that the last one was for February 2023! Where has the time flown? We will do our best to catch you up on our different activities during March and April 2023.

OUR TRIP TO CALI-FORNIA AND BACK THROUGH HAWAII: We just returned from attending the "Celebration of Life" program in memory of Rickie's brother, Marvin Rickard. The event was held in the church building of the congregation they have attended for several years after retirement from their ministry. We would guess that 200-300 people attended. Jeff and Julie, Marvin and Joyce's children, planned a very fitting program. We especially enjoyed Jeff's and Julie's part in taking turns telling about their Dad. We also appreciated the remarks and memories by other speakers.



Marvin and Joyce

Meeting relatives and friends we had not seen for several years was very special to us. One of Rickie's cousins flew in from Maine, but we still "got the prize" for coming the farthest.

BIG SURPRISE! Our daughter Jocelyn had arranged to arrive slightly earlier than we did and also to leave slightly later than we did so she could get and return a rental car. She met us at the San Jose, CA, airport and we stayed at a hotel close to the airport. On the way to get our luggage we turned a corner . . . and there was her daughter Michaela and her little son Miles waiting to surprise us! They certainly did! It was our first time to meet Miles, our only great-grandson! We spent five days together, traveling first to Santa Cruz, where Rickie grew up, to "see the beach" (Jocelyn's request), continuing on to Marvin's ceremony, then to Yosemite National Park and back to San Jose to return back to Japan.



FLYING HOME WITH A STOPOVER IN HAWAII:

It had been a long time since we had stopped over in Hawaii on our way home from the 48 states, so this time we planned a 3-day stopover to be with close friends, Maurice and Faye Saito, whom we first met at Lincoln Christian Seminary in Illinois. They are wonderful friends and hosts, and we had a relaxing time with them.



Relaxing with Maurice & Faye



OBS Graduation 2023

Ko

Shoko

OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY's graduates this year were Miss Shoko Nagahara and Ko Kishimoto, son of OBS President, Brother Kishimoto (left). Both graduates have already started their ministries in two different congregations in our area.



Akiko

Mrs. Akiko Tamanori, whose picture is to the right, has been auditing, but has now become a regular student.

THE MUSIC TEAM at our International Nights contributes greatly to our fellowship. Each of the three in this picture is from a different country—the reason we use the term "International." We are grateful for their talents!



Singing praises with keyboard, guitars, and drum with words on the wall

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