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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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KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL completed the 2019-20 school year online. With some skillful teachers on staff who are also computer experts, our change to online teaching the beginning of March went smoothly and was extremely successful. Our teachers of grades 1-4 even drove around to visit all their students and parents, stopping at their gates, wearing masks and keeping social distancing, of course!

Our son-in-law Chad in northern Japan set up Rickie's computer at home to be able to do work on her office computer. Her office assistant said it was really strange to see the mouse move around the screen and windows change! There are times, though, that Rickie has to make the hour-long trip to school to do non-computer related things.

At the Staff's End-of-Year Party, all received appropriate "awards" from the new Principal, Debbie Baumann. Rickie's was the "Patience of Job" award. Then the staff took turns reflecting on the school year and thanking the new principal. Summer School is now being held on campus with a limited number of students per classroom.

Staff keeping social distance at end of year party



Grades 1-2



Grades 3-4



Grades 5-6

Just as rice is planted regularly, we continue to plant seeds of love and faith in those with whom we have contact. Hearts are open during this pandemic time. Pray the Lord of the Harvest for new believers!

It's rice planting time again and we are hearing the frogs rejoice!



A matter of prayer—KCS is negotiating with this rice paddy owner to purchase the property—a long-term project

TWO SETS OF TWINS!

Our KCS Dean, Andrew Steward, and his wife Lydia have two sets of twin daughters. His wife, a graduate of KCS, brought them to campus for a visit this summer. Several months ago, when the older set learned that another staff member was expecting a baby, they said in surprise, "Huh? Only one?"



10 in Attendance

CONGREGATIONS IN JAPAN are generally small. A "megachurch" could have up to 200 in attendance. However, even congregations of 20-30 had to decide whether to stop in-person worship or not. Our Nakaburi congregation next door is small enough that we could continue meeting. Even though some people have chosen not to attend, Brother Kimura sends out 10+ copies of his sermons every week, including copies to a prison ministry.

Others, however, like Kamizono, where I preach once a month, had to discontinue their services. Kamizono has just opened up to regular in-person services and I preached there today.

Another congregation where I was scheduled to preach in May had discontinued in-person services. I am waiting to be rescheduled to preach there and I will be preaching in chapel this Tuesday at Osaka Bible Seminary.



25 in Attendance

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