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Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan



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... our email to you ...

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GOD IS AT WORK! Last Lord's Day our Father God worked in an amazing way! With Brother Motobayashi translating my sermon from English to Japanese, we had an unusual experience! My sermon title was "From Revelation to Revelation, from Science to Scripture, from Creation unto Redemption," and at the end of the worship service, one of the elders was called upon to give the final prayer. He would say a couple words, then be quiet for close to thirty seconds or so, then try again unsuccessfully to make a complete sentence. This went on for three or four minutes before he could finally say "Amen!" Then, later, during the announcement time, he finally had control of himself and stood and expressed himself to the audience, saying that he had never heard God's love expressed in such a way as he had heard it during the sermon. (By then, most of the audience was close to tears!)



It is exciting to be used of God in such a way that the audience comes to a new understanding of God's love for us!

OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY continues faithful. I usually drive the one hour each direction on Tuesdays and Fridays for the 8:30 Chapel and sometimes I am asked to speak. Rickie usually goes with me on Fridays. The staff and students take turns speaking in chapel, which is held every morning Tuesday through Friday.

OUR MONTHLY INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS began back in 2001 but we had to take a break for about two years during COVID. We are now back to monthly parties and our International Night guests are happy to be back together with us again. For those who haven't heard about our International Nights, they are a relaxing get-together in our large basement with fun games, refreshments, a short message from God's Word, and then more time to chat and have fun just being here. Children enjoy their time here just as adults do. They love playing ping-pong!



KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is off to a good start and we have already visited there three times. I am on the school board and Rickie is on as an "observer," since she knows the history of the school so well. Our new principal has taught at KCS for over a decade and has entered the job of being principal easily.

Please pray that more students will apply for next school year, as our number of students has gone down a bit.



BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN! For those of you who are not used to American terminology, this means that we are back to a normal schedule again. It has changed a bit, though, because Rickie is no longer going to Kansai Christian School one to three days every week, which she did for 38 years. We have, however, been there for different events and School Board meetings.

Rickie's English teaching schedule takes place on Tuesday mornings in our home. One group of ladies has been studying English since the 1990s. Twice a month she teaches the Bible in English, and the ladies take turns reading verses and practicing their English. We recently switched to an "Easy-to-Read Version" of the New Testament, "a serious translation, based directly on the original Greek of the New Testament." The ladies have expressed how much they like it because they can understand it better. The other weeks she teaches straight English. The ladies also write essays for their English lessons.

Her other class is with a delightful neighbor lady, a widow who is in her late 70s who puts many hours into studying and preparing for the next class.



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