



# UPDATE FROM JAPAN

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... our email to you ...



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**IT'S ALMOST SPRING IN JAPAN!** After a long and cold winter, we are happy to see signs of spring—cherry blossoms! A couple days ago, though, even Mongolia had warmer weather than we did!



**A CHARITY EVENT** for the victims of the triple disaster in northeastern Japan was a long time in the planning by Mercy Nuamah, one of our very faithful International Night attendees. She and her English class across the river from us put on a very successful talent program and she asked us to represent Be-One, Chad and Jennifer's work in Tohoku. We were



Gospel Hula Dancers



Miyuki's art on Internet



Onogawa children

**MEANWHILE,** we continue our work with Osaka Bible Seminary, Kansai Christian School, our ministry from our home, *Hikari-no-Ie*, and our Mongolia ministry. We are both looking forward to speaking at a 4-day Centurions Ministry staff retreat in Mongolia this summer—Rickie's first time back since 2010.



International Night

Trying to find 20 objects hidden in the popcorn!



Annual KCS Staff Party at Hikari-no-Ie



Mercy in Ghanaian dress



Ishinomaki pictures

**MARCH** brought with it several guests and activities. Our daughter-in-law Yuki was in Japan for a few weeks while Jonathan and Sean "batched." Sean was getting a lot of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in his school lunches. :) **Yuki and her parents, the Hirais,** visited us from Shikoku Island.



Dennis & Susan

**Dennis Flaherty** made another trip from California to be with his wife **Susan**, who is teaching 1st and 2nd grade at KCS this year. Dennis is a professional landscape photographer, so we took them on another "photo shoot." I also took them to see *nama* (raw) sumo! We will be sorry to lose Susan next school year but, for some understandable reason, Dennis wants her back home! Thank you, Susan, for giving us this year at KCS!



Yuki & her parents



Paul, Dennis and Harumafuji

**GOOD-BYES** are never easy. We miss our friends and family in the U.S. when we are in Japan, and we miss our friends and family in Japan when we are in the U.S. I lost my mentor and major professor in seminary, **Dr. James D. Strauss**, to the presence of our Lord this March. He had a profound influence in the lives of many and especially in our own lives. Even to the end he was excited about sharing new insights from the Word! We "participated" in his "Celebration of Life" between 1:00 and



Jim and Jewell Strauss

2:00 a.m. here in Japan via Internet. We are also saying good-bye to **Dr. Mercy Nuamah** as she and the rest of her family are returning to Ghana after son David graduates from KCS in June. Then, **Erika Matute**, our missionary "daughter" from Honduras is returning home this week. (We anticipate seeing her back again in Japan, though!) The timing coincided with a visit from her younger brother Juan on his way home from business in China.



Mercy

Erika and some of our church members →→→→→



Erika & Juan

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