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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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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from the Clarks to each of you! What a gift the Lord has given us in Jesus, the babe in the manger, who was also present with our Father when He (they) created the universe! "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God and the Word was God! (John 1:1). "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness . . ." (Genesis 1:26). "The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began . . . Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind" (Proverbs 8:22, 30). "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word" (Hebrews 1:3).

Jesus is an historical figure who was born, lived, died and rose from the dead by God's power that we might be restored to the Creator and our Heavenly Father! "How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).

Our **CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL NIGHT** was very well attended with 40 guests for a turkey dinner potluck, games, singing Christmas carols and a complete gospel message from the Word! Our regulars bring guests and there were 14 present who do not yet know the Lord! Please pray that they will come to know this "great salvation!"



The KAMIZONO CHURCH is a congregation I helped start as a teenager and I preach there now once a month. The pastor of the congregation, Nick Saito, passed away five years ago and his wife Reiko has been carrying on the ministry there with the help of guest speakers who preach occasionally. I have an excellent translator, Brother Motobayashi, who lives in the Toyko area but has business in the Kobe-Osaka area every month and stays with his mother nearby. He became a Christian in this congregation as a teen-ager and has continued faithful. It is a privilege and pleasure to be a part of this ministry. Five seekers were in the audience.

HONG KONG TRIP: Rickie and our six full-time teachers at Kansai Christian School, including our principal, made a 4-day trip to Hong Kong the last week of November to attend a conference sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools International. There were general sessions and workshops from 8:00-5:00 for three days which were well worth the trip! Our Principal, Bob Chaddock, our Dean of Students, Andrew Steward, and Rickie spent valuable time learning more about the ACSI accreditation process and speaking with our assigned consultant, who is the Superintendent of Okinawa Christian School International.



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KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL always has a community outreach before Christmas. The students go to old people's day care centers to sing and interact with the residents by playing games and talking with them. Some groups go through the neighborhood and give the neighbors Christmas cards and sing Christmas carols. Pray that these outreaches will be effective in bringing hope to others. Pray that the many non-Christians who attend our Christmas program will be touched by the real meaning of Christmas!



We anticipate close to 50 students at KCS next fall! Six Japanese children have passed the entrance test for first grade, a missionary family is returning from the States, a new missionary family is considering KCS for their two elementary-age children, and we continue to have more inquiries. Pray that the Lord will provide the students and families He wants us to serve.

MONGOLIA TRIP: I spent a little over two weeks in Mongolia last month. One of the highlights was the Opening Ceremony of the Centurions Ministry Command Center, located on the 5th floor of a new building in Ulaanbaatar where Campus Crusade also has its headquarters. New furniture from China arrived just in time to put together for the Opening Ceremony. Although they have been in the building for almost two years, they waited for the Lord to provide before finishing it out and buying furnishings. I visited several families and spent many hours in cars with disciples maneuvering through the stop-and-go traffic in the big city. Mongolia only has about 3,000,000 population but more than half of the population lives in Ulaanbaatar! I had the opportunity to share the Lord with a retired colonel whose son, now a major, was on our Jesus Film trip 14 years ago. Several officers, now retired generals, who had served under the colonel are attending the senior officers meetings! God works in wondrous ways!



Entrance to CM Command Center



Major, son and retired colonel father

My green beret still an opener



Cutting the ribbon



Border Academy Leadership Seminar



Introduced by two retired colonels at a senior officers meeting



With Director Sumya



Stop & go traffic—mostly stop!



Fellowship at Korean restaurant

The **OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY** staff and students enjoyed our annual Christmas celebration at a Korean restaurant closing the term. We enjoyed this very special time of fellowship. We were joined by adjunct professors who have been augmenting our limited full-time staff. It is Christmas break now and the next term begins in January. Next year's calendar includes several Open Seminars, open to the Church-at-large. President Kishimoto has already had interviews with three prospective students for the next school year beginning in April. God is prospering OBS! PTL!!

We wish you **THE MOST MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS** and a **NEW YEAR OF BLESSINGS** as you serve our loving Creator who sent His Son to bridge the gap between us and Himself. What joy it is to serve Him wherever He puts us! For those who do not know that blessing, we pray that by studying God's Word you will join us in this most meaningful life!

Unto **HIM**, Paul & Rickie