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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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OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY works with the Japanese school calendar which begins in April and closes in March. Two students were graduated from OBS this year. Mr. Taira is a retired school principal in Okinawa and has been taking classes by Skype for about three years. He was given a special certificate and was ordained in Okinawa the day after graduation. He will be pastoring a house church in the city of Nago. Miss Togami is from Fukuoka area and, through great determination in studying in spite of near blindness, was very happy to graduate from OBS! She is looking for a place to serve. Four new students were accepted at the Entrance Ceremony on the 14th, making a total of nine students—one of our highest enrollments for many years. Three of them, Miss Hori, Miss Takemoto, and Miss Takeuchi, are contacts by President Kishimoto through KGK (Japanese Intervarsity Fellowship) and Mr. Motoyoshi, from Tokyo, now retired, and wants to study the Word of God more deeply. There is a growing interest in OBS and we are very pleased for that!

OBS Graduates

New Students! PTL!

Showing Angela KCS

KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL activities, work and concerns have taken a lot of our time and energy recently. Spring time is a very busy time in the office for Rickie, and I, as Chairman of the Board, have been involved with some very important board matters. We have also been searching for new staff members and the Lord is providing them one by one in His timing and in very unique ways as only He can!

The KCS Spring Festival was held the end of March with a huge crowd from the community as well as the school family. There was an International Food Court with ethnic dishes made by PTA members. Desserts were served by the Student Council and there were games and a maze for the children.

This past week was Achievement Testing Week in the mornings and Spiritual Life Emphasis Week in the afternoons. A team of five young American ladies came from Taiwan to lead the Spiritual Life part of the week. They stayed with us and Rickie took them to school each day, a two-hour round trip. Of course, she also worked in the office at that time. The staff and students alike were impressed with their preparation, organization, creativity, friendliness, and cheerful attitudes. We give the team an "A+"! They did a great job teaching the character quality of **Responsibility** using different methods including games, skits, small groups, songs, etc. Their flight into Osaka was delayed and they didn't arrive at the airport until 1:15. We got to bed at about 2:30 that night!

Spring Festival

Taiwan Team

Yakiniku, Korean Barbecue

Some good news is that it looks like we may be able to do some further property development this summer—putting in a new septic system closer to the road and access to city sewer when it comes our way, adding a couple restrooms near the elementary building, and asphalting everywhere but the playground.

Further good news is that the student body is growing, and even better news is the likelihood of becoming debt free by August 2016! Praise God for His providence!

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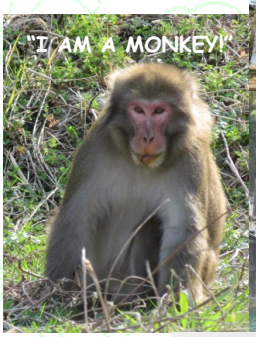
OUR SPRING BREAK was two packed weeks back-to-back. One of our former KCS principals, Kenelee (Proctor) Henderson and her husband Tom came to Japan to visit for the week. She left Japan in 1994. We met them on Monday and showed them our new school property purchased 6 years ago, then had lunch with them and Mrs. Kobayashi, our long-time Japanese teacher, and Chumin Kato, who studied under "Miss Proctor" and whose *daughter* is now a *student* at KCS. On Tuesday we took them to Amanohashidate ("Bridge to Heaven"), which is a narrow two-mile land bridge with water on both sides. We then went past a town known for its boat garages (few cars there) and on to the Japan Sea. We had a great visit. We even saw a colony of wild monkeys!

Amanohashidate Land Bridge


"I AM A MONKEY!"

Fishing village with boat houses

The next day, very early in the morning, we drove to the airport to fly to Sendai for a parts-of-three-days visit with Chad and Jennifer and our grandkids who minister in the 2011 earthquake-tsunami disaster area. Their town of Ishinomaki has much construction going on as they become a town again. We also went to the town of Onagawa again where they are raising the level of the town by about 100 feet.

Tateiwa Rock Formation shows God's power!

After the tsunami and now

Flattened land now being built up

BACK IN OSAKA AGAIN late Friday night, we had International Night on Saturday evening, and the next day, Easter Sunday, I spoke at the Kamizono Church of Christ near Kobe, on "Framing the Gospel with the Resurrection" (I Corinthians 15). We took our overnight guest, Angela, with us. It was a wonderful Resurrection Lord's Day!

MONGOLIA: Our Centurions Ministry Staff is making their five-year plan. You had the opportunity to see their news recently. We have workers available for the harvest but the dynamic staff and workers need financial support! Representatives will be in Colorado and Southern California this summer to raise support. If you could help with regular support or one-time support, let us know and we can provide details! Support can be sent to our OBS Columbia address and designated "Mongolia."

Some representatives will also come to Tokyo for an Association of Military Christian Fellowship (AMCF) conference in September and visit us in Osaka.

Director Sumya with 2 cadets

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