



Jesus 4 Greater Asia

# UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan



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... our email to you ...

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**MINISTRY TO THE MILITARY:** Having been a member of the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Beret, 1961-1964) has been the "ticket" to our involvement in Mongolia since May 1999. We have held different seminars to the Mongolian Border Troops (near Russia, Kazakhstan and China), done Bible studies with the cadets and officers in Ulaanbaatar (UB), spoken at Centurions Ministry staff retreats many times, and done marriage counseling in UB. In September we drove to Tokyo (600 miles round trip, up Friday, back Saturday) to briefly participate in the Asia/Association of Military Christian Fellowships' *Interaction* (seven nations represented) and bring back to Osaka Brother Sumya who is now the Director of Centurions Ministry. One of the most exciting presentations we heard was from a young Christian officer from Japan who was an atheist until 1 1/2 years ago. He gave the statistics on religion in Japan (48% Shinto, 46% Buddhism, 5% Other, and only 1% Christian) and told what he and his colleagues were doing to reach people for the Lord.



Sumya's first glimpse of us when we first arrived



Presentation to Japanese host



Visit with OBS President Kishimoto



Kyrzakhstan presentation



Prayer for each country

We had a delightful time both in Tokyo and for the next four days with Sumya in Osaka. He went away with a new appreciation for the long history of Japan and we were happy to show him where we live and serve here. Lord willing, I will be making another trip to Mongolia in November (and possibly Rickie will also be free to go, too).



Japan presentation

**PREACHING IN TWO DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONS:** In the past month I have preached in Daito Christ Chapel and in Nakaburi Church of Christ. Sumya was with us at Daito and I was translated by Levi Hinson, a Missionary Kid (MK) who was born and raised here in Japan. I also preached in Japanese at our Nakaburi home congregation. Brother Kimura is teaching a 10-week course to a young man who has attended two of our Taco Parties and who is interested in learning about God, our Creator.

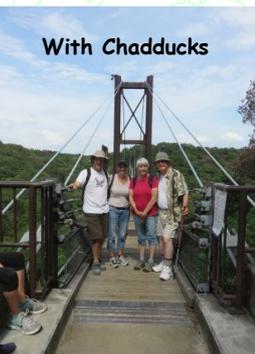


Future Worship Team?



Daito Chapel

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY:** We have had the privilege of entertaining different families and groups over the last month. We took the Chadducks, new KCS teachers and their two children (and our 5 Japan grandkids) on a hike to a suspension bridge nearby, took two young ladies (new to our area) out to dinner, and had two more ladies over for lunch. We always enjoy entertaining others.



With Chadducks



Samantha and Angela



Gideon turned 8 yrs old



Annie and Moi

**KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** celebrated her 45th Birthday in September! It was "born" in 1970 as a school to educate missionary kids (MKs) in English to allow the parents to do what they came to Japan to do. There are fewer missionaries in our area now, so we have about 50% international students from 8-9 countries (which includes 27% MKs) and 50% Japanese students. Since Rickie has served at KCS for 30 of the 45 years, she was asked to give a slide show telling about KCS and some of her history. It was a special



Rickie's presentation



Happy Birthday, KCS!



Tug of War, always fun!



KCS Sports Day, 2015

chapel time with a poster presentation by the elementary children and representatives from each of the 6 homerooms giving thanks in prayer to the Lord for the past 45 years of KCS and praying for her future.

KCS also had Sports Day this month, a Japanese tradition. The PTA sponsored a concession stand with many parents also coming to watch their kids compete.

The KCS Board consists of one representative of each of five mission groups. The Vice-Chairman of the board and I, as Chairman, attend staff



October KCS Staff Meeting

meetings regularly. This helps the board to understand the needs and serve the KCS staff and community better.

**RICKIE'S ENGLISH AND BIBLE CLASS** continues to enjoy meeting together. Each month they study Bible two weeks and English two weeks. These ladies have studied with Rickie since 1999. They love studying the Bible but to this point have not been seen to consider the sacrifice of Jesus to apply to themselves. *Please pray for these ladies to really understand God's love for them!*



The class pictured with Sumya

**ANNUAL TACO FEED:** Every fall the Nakaburi congregation has a Taco Party outreach and this has been one of the best! We keep hearing comments about how fun it was and how meaningful it was! Not only



KCS Board



Yummy tacos!

were the tacos great eating but the games were a spectacular hit. One game was "Reverse Charades" where the *audience* did the acting and "it" had to guess what action they were trying to convey. Following the games and our worship time with "Yuke" (Yu on the guitar and Luke on the keyboard), Brother Kimura, with Yu translating, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Gospel. Some of the Japanese had never heard the gospel presented *in Japanese!*



This is what you are to act out! :)



Acting out the answer!

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Chris & Jocelyn



"Lift up your eyes, and look at the fields; for they are already white for harvest."  
John 4:35



Jon and Ann

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