

## 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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**GREETINGS FROM THE NORTHWEST:** We have covered a lot of territory in the United States, spent time with family, visited friends and supporters, and are now stopped at a motel in northern California after spending time with believers in Washington and Oregon. We have also had a little bit of rest.

We spoke at one of our OBS supporting congregations in Northern California in July. They helped us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary with two special decorated cakes. We had a wonderful fellowship with dear ones there. We ultimately decided to make this time in the States a time of rest and relaxation. It is the first trip to the U.S. in our 36 years in Japan that we have had this kind of vacation!

After spending some time in July with our daughter and son-inlaw in Missouri, Chris and Jocelyn Wolfe and family, we flew to Colorado to spend several days with good friends at their ranch in Colorado, which "happens" to have a half-mile of fishing stream running through it! The Wolfes spent part of that time with us and Ami caught the biggest fish!

We then returned to California and spent three days in the Yosemite National Park area enjoying God's unique and indescribable creation. We also took Rickie's sister Pauline Thomas with us to visit our brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Joyce Rickard.





MANY PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED! We have asked people to pray with us that Bayaraa and Gerlee and family would be able to return to Mongolia and <u>He answered our</u>

<u>prayers</u> (of course!). Bayaraa was the second director of the Centurions Ministry that we work with in Mongolia. They came to the States four years ago so Gerlee could study and receive her Master's degree in Counseling at Colorado Christian University. She graduated in the spring of 2020 but COVID conditions in Mongolia would not allow their return. While in Colorado we were able to have a three-hour visit with them and their three children, who can now communicate very well in English! Bayaraa has been preaching in a Mongolian congregation in Denver. They flew home to Mongolia the first part of August, and we thank those of you who have joined us in praying for their return!

The Centurions Ministry now has 15 full-time staff members who continue their outreach to the military, both in the capitol city of Ulaanbaatar and the countryside. Military personnel continue to hear the good news of the Gospel and give their hearts to God. Our staff all have several disciples whom they meet with regularly. We are hoping their borders will open up so we can make another trip there.

Both OSAKA BIBLE SEMINARY and KANSAI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL start up again in September. The OBS students have been involved in ministries during the summer. We look forward to being with them again in chapel and special events. Our KCS students are looking forward to being back after a long summer vacation. All our staff are returning. At KCS we are strict with the entrance testing and students must pass the entrance test with a score of at least one year lower than their age and grade level. For students whose first language is not English, it is a challenge to pass, but this allows us to teach the classes at grade level. Please pray that our KCS students and parents may be receptive to God's love through the teachers and God's plan for their lives.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS as we have traveled many hours and visited several different supporters this summer. We have traveled many miles and still have more to go both by car and by air, and God has protected us. It has been a privilege to visit in different homes as we have covered many miles. We serve an awesome God!

God certainly heard and answered your prayers and ours that the YAG Eye Laser Surgery would be successful for Rickie. She no longer needs glasses nor contact lenses! We give God all the glory!

In Romans, the apostle Paul says, "What can be known about God is plain to them (His created people), because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse." Those we serve have seen His creation, but many have yet to learn how much the Creator loves them and what a blessing it is to follow our Creator and serve Him. That is why we continue to serve Him in Japan and Mongolia.

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