



Jesus 4 Greater Asia

UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Osaka Bible Seminary — Jesus for Japan

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... our email to you ...



Alive and well! PTL!
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MOST OF YOU KNOW ABOUT RICKIE'S SUDDEN THREAT TO HER LIFE, but some may not have received word. We are so grateful to our Heavenly Father for answering the prayers of people around the world, most of whom we have never met but who are brothers and sisters in Christ! Briefly, visiting the Hidden Christians Museum in Ibaraki on January 24th, across the way from us in the mountains, she experienced an Acute Aorta Dissection, a rupture in the middle aorta wall. I got her to the hospital in one hour on a normally congested road and God provided His team of doctors to treat her! She was in ICU-CCU for twelve days, then on the regular floor for another 18 days. Rather than doing immediate open heart surgery, the doctors chose "medical therapy," which controls the situation more naturally with medicine. She responded well to that and is back to acting like her normal energetic self. She is being careful to rest when she needs to. We visited Kansai Christian School chapel last Friday and the students gave her a 3-4 minute ovation! She is doing some work at home and has begun working at KCS about two days a week. She is not allowed to drive for 3 months from the onset or fly for 6 months, so I am her chauffeur—and boss as to how long she can work at school! We thank you for your prayers and your well-wishes, which have certainly played a part in her recovery.

Both Jennifer and Jeremy were able to arrive the following day and stayed a long week. Then Jocelyn came for her long week in February-March, cleaned house and prepared for Rickie's coming home. Jonathan is hoping to have a business trip here this month or next and plans to take off a couple of days to be at home as well. Our granddaughter Johanna (Chris and Jocelyn's 17-year-old) was already here, having arrived from the States for a 5-month "home-stay" the day after we returned from Michaela's wedding.

We had many hospital visitors: Bible class ladies, teachers and alumni from KCS, missionary friends, church members, etc. PTL!



Jennifer and Johanna with us in the Day Room



Jeremy all the way from North Carolina in 24 hours



Jocelyn all the way from Missouri



Many visitors: Bible class ladies

OUR MARCH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT was a wonderful gathering of Christians and non-Christians alike with 44 present in our large basement! Families, teen-agers, singles, etc. enjoy relaxing in our "non-threatening environment." Japanese particularly find it hard to enter a church building. They enjoy the games, the refreshments, the fellowship, the time of praising our Lord in song, and the message from God's Word. Skip Tanaka from Knoxville came for the 5th year in a row to lead in a "gig" with our teen-age band. We most always have new people attend and March was no exception. I spoke on "Shalom," the Hebrew word for Peace, which means so much more than the English word "peace"—the Shalom we both had through this time of trial. We most thankful trust the Lord for more years to serve Him together!



OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES CONTINUE: I will be preaching at both the Nakaburi and the Kamizono congregations this month, as well as at Osaka Bible Seminary Chapel. We will graduate two from OBS in March and have other new students coming in at the beginning of the Japanese school year in April. We thank you for your prayers and support. You are important in this ministry to the Japanese, as well as to those we minister to in Mongolia. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and in giving support!!

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