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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from Osaka. The cherry blossoms have come and gone, and the rainy season is fast approaching. I guess this makes it a good time for a quick update.

EASTER AT OASIS



We had a wonderful Easter at Oasis Church as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. A number of visitors joined our worship service, including 6 friends from Los Angeles! In the afternoon, we enjoyed a potluck lunch followed by a mini concert by our friend, Ray Yoshinaga. Everyone was encouraged and blessed by the Lord's presence. We are thankful for His goodness to us.

Our next event at Oasis Church will be this Sunday (Saturday in the States), May 19th. We will gather at a youth hostel in the near-by mountains for worship, testimony and BBQ. This will be followed by a hike up the mountain where we will play games and enjoy a roller slide that is over 100 yards long! PLEASE PRAY for this event. While this will be a good time of fellowship for the church family, we are also inviting a number of people from our Kid's Cafeteria and Food Distribution ministries. May the Lord lead many of them to join us.



California was well represented at Oasis on Easter

GREAT NEWS

A few months ago, a kind, elderly gentleman named Mr. Shiku was introduced to our food distribution program. Most people who pick up food usually come on Sunday afternoon during our distribution hours, but Mr. Shiku came early and joined us for the worship service. Since his first visit, he has visited on a number of Sunday mornings and we have gradually gotten to know him. Well, last Sunday after the worship service, he expressed an interest to follow Jesus and prayed to give his life to Christ! Praise God! PLEASE PRAY for Mr. Shiku as he begins his new life as a child of God. He lives quite far from the church so he usually only makes the trip to Oasis once or twice a month, but he seems guite eager to learn and grow. May the Lord show us how we can best help him to become firmly planted in his new faith.

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Mr. Shiku (front right) after deciding to become a Christian

WONDERFUL FAMILY NEWS

On a personal note, our son has decided to move back to Japan! After 5 years of living in California, Luke thought it would be nice to spend some time in Japan again. This means that Michael will fly to Santa Barbara on May 24th to help Luke pack up his belongings. They will then drive Luke's car up to Portland, Oregon, where they will meet up with Chris and stay with Michael's dad for a few weeks. In mid-June, the three of us will then return to Japan together (yeah!). current plan is to live at home and enroll in a Japanese language school for a short while (one year?), with the ultimate goal of finding full-time work and getting his own apartment. PRAY for Luke. May the Lord lead and guide him during this season of transition.



With Luke at Mt. Fuji during his visit in April

!! IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !!

JEMS has recently migrated to a new online giving platform. If you have been giving to our ministry through Network for God, please take notice that this service will close at the end of June. The new giving platform is called Stripe Payment. Here is the new link which is currently online and active.

https://www.jems.org/missionaries/michael-and-chris-mason

As always, if you prefer, you can also mail in a physical check to JEMS with our names on the memo line:

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Thanks again for all of your prayers and support on our behalf. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Blessings in Jesus,

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