

SERVANTS OF JESUS CHRIST



The Geisler Family Baptist Missionaries to Japan

*We give thanks to God always for you all,
making mention of you in our prayers; I Thes. 1:2*



Jan., Feb., Mar.

2005

Leaving for Japan!

God has open doors for us to return to Japan on March 31, 2005. Our certificates of eligibility were approved and our visas will be here this week. This cleared the way for us to set a date for leaving and to purchase airline tickets. Sharlyn found a very good deal on tickets through United Airlines with all four tickets costing less than \$2600.



Now, as the days count down, there are many preparations to be made before departing. Sharlyn is doing most of the packing—deciding what to take and what to get rid of. I am spending a lot of time getting our house ready to rent. Repairs have to be made on plumbing, floors, walls, and the yard.

Our outfit and passage fund is doing well as several churches have already given generously to meet this need. Renting a house in Japan requires a 4 month deposit as well as the first month's rent. This means that we may need as much as \$3500. If you desire to contribute toward this special need, please send offerings through the normal means to LAMP, designating them for Rick Geisler.

E-Prayer Letter

Did you receive an electronic prayer letter this month as well as this printed one?

I have talked to most of our supporting churches by phone asking for an email address to send prayer letters electronically in the future. If you didn't get an electronic version, please let me know and I will make the corrections. Each letter sent from Japan cost about 80¢. Sending by email, we feel, will be a wise use of mission money.

The format used for the e-letter is Adobe Acrobat, (.pdf). This is a very common internet format and a free reader can be downloaded easily.

Location of Ministry in Japan

The Lord has laid on our hearts the city of Kumamoto, Japan. This city has a population of 660,000 people with no Baptist missionaries there at present. We know of only three Baptist churches with national pastors for this very large city.

It is our desire to plant a solid Baptist church in

Kumamoto City this term. Works are small in Japan and the Japanese are slow to respond to the gospel. However, God is able to save souls and to build His church with the power of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. We count it a privilege to be workers together with God in this mission.

Thank you for your help and prayers in reaching the lost in Japan for Christ.

His servants to Japan,

Rick, Sharlyn, and family

The Geislers

