

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

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New Bible Study Started

Our Christmas Bible study meetings concluded in December with a Christmas party. The Lord blessed with 18 people present. We played Christmas games, sang carols and exchanged presents. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Since the Christmas theme Bible study concluded, we decided to begin another Bible study that would continue indefinitely. The theme of these studies is the Life of Jesus. We use bilingual materials and a bilingual New Testament.



We have had a few of the previous students attend, but have also seen a number of new people attending. We usually have from four to six people. The above picture shows the new folks attending the Bible study.

We begin the study by discussing one article a week from a confession of faith. Next, we use a bilingual textbook with individual lessons on the life of Christ. Last, we introduce to them various Christian songs by listening or by singing karaoke style displayed on a computer screen.

Seeing the Holy Spirit Work

We can see the Holy Spirit working daily as Japanese people attend our English classes and Bible studies, but we are especially happy to see how He is working in one lady in particular.

Toshiko has attended all of the English classes, the Christmas Bible studies, and now the new Bible studies. She has also expressed to us her strong interest in Christianity and the Bible. We have loaned her several Christian books and a daily devotional study in Japanese.

Recently she asked us about buying a Bible. She is currently using a bilingual New Testament that we give everyone who attends the study, but she wanted to buy a full Bible. Last week we took her to a Christian bookstore in Kumamoto and counseled her on a good Bible to buy. She also bought two other books explaining Christian doctrine and practice.

We have talked to her personally about salvation, but she is reluctant to make a commitment because her husband, being the oldest son, has charge of the family altar, *butsudan*, in their home. Please pray that Toshiko will soon desire to be saved and baptized. She is the lady on the far right in the photo.

New Flyer/Tracts

In order to announce the new Bible studies in our home, we designed and printed new flyer/tracts. As you can see in the illustration below, the front welcomes people to join this study explaining what

we do and giving a schedule. The back side is a gospel tract inviting Japanese to



consider the True God of Christianity. It also explains how to be saved—by believing on Jesus Christ, and gives the scripture verse John 3:16.

We have begun distributing these tracts door-to-door. We pray that we can make many contacts because of them and see our Bible study grow in number. Thank you for your prayers and support.

His servants to Japan,

Rick, Sharlyn, and family
The Geislers