



35-Years of Friendship

(Left Photo) This was a lunch gathering of friends in Osaka. The four men in the back met at the University of Penn in 1979. On this day, they came from Nagoya, Kobe, and Osaka.

We have been praying for all three men and their wives for 35 years. Yet, we were surprised when S-san, and his wife (woman in white) wanted to join our Bible study—now 9 members. O-san (far right) from Kobe, had a Christian grandmother; H-san (next to O), from Nagoya, and wife in blue, were witnesses at our wedding. Please pray for all three men to become believers.

(Middle Photo) This was our Team and friends at a BBQ to celebrate the milestone of Marcia completing the teaching English (TEFL) certification, and Brent Kooi (Team Leader, back) starting certification.

We invited two of our neighbors: K-san, standing, and H-san (Right Photo), fanning the campfire. We had a good day of food and laughter. Yuki-san, in the back, shared her testimony with H-san on the 1-½ hour drive home. H-san is the neighbor that we did pre-marriage coaching with. Please pray for more chances to share grace with our neighbors.

UPDATE:

CtoC Urban Church Planting Translation Project: Praise that two of the 8 translated modules will be taught this fall and spring at the Christ Bible Institute seminary in Nagoya.

Church Planting: We planned a daylong church-planting meeting in September, with the Japan Director of Church Planting. Unfortunately, illness caused us to cancel, but we trust that this session could take place in 2017.

Genesis International Office & School

The Genesis Office opened in June. We have been holding team meetings & team worship.

Our English classes will be held in this room. TEFL certification of teachers will be completed this month, however, there are unforeseen organizational issues that have come up. Please pray for God's plan.

The team met with the first of three candidates for GIC President. We were very impressed with his work background and the fact that he comes annually to Japan to give seminars to schools and churches.

There are two more candidates interested in this key leadership



position. We hope they can both visit in the next several months.

Please pray that we could find a college president within the next year.