

DEAF INDUSTRIES UPDATE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings once again from Japan on a very windy and wild day. It is Easter Monday as I write but when you get this letter will be anyone's guess. As you know we are winding things down in this country and trying to get reorganized here, in Australia and in the US so things are still in a state of transition and even more messy than usual. Please bear with us while and if receipts are late in coming don't give up on us, we will get there.

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PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

- the packing and preparations for move and final farewelling
- a good meeting place in Nairobi
- 15th anniversary of Taiwan work
- thank God for the gifts that have come in



Gillian packing the van which will be sent to Uganda.

you have a car or know of a car that someone wants to get rid of and doesn't want to pay the shaken (people here in Japan will know what I am talking about) please let me know. I was given a van after church yesterday by a US diplomat being transferred to Shanghai, so we will soon have another one ready to go too.

I was able to spend a couple of weeks in Kenya recently and was joined by Taiko Tsujimoto from Japan and together we were able to attend the graduation of Jeremiah and Josephat at the Pwani Bible Institute in Mombasa. These two deaf young men have battled on now for 4 years in a hearing institution without proper interpreters but managed to graduate very well. They are an inspiration to us all. Jeremiah will continue on the coast and will stay in Mombasa and Josephat now leads our Nairobi Church. We are still looking for a suitable meeting place and office. The place that we were hoping to borrow didn't work out after all.

Gloria from the Philippines who has been in Kenya now for more than a year has commenced a project in Oyugis in the west and will also commence a school for the deaf in the same district shortly. If you have been in the Philippines you will know that in many areas there are tricycles for short distance travels. Some others push-bikes. She has been able to get a grant from Germany and has had manufactured 24 push bike tricycles which the deaf are now operating to transport people around town. This is a first of its kind in Kenya and the church is providing work for the deaf. A church has also commenced a school for children in a slum area of Nairobi which is going very well. Gloria is battling constant attacks of malaria and needs our prayers and support.

We are excited to report that money came in to purchase the property in Tabaco Albay Philippines for the branch school. Part of this was an anonymous gift from Australia and the rest an interest free loan from the OMB of Churches of Christ in Australia. Money has also been provided to purchase the house and property in Kamapla for the Bible school and center there. A large gift from Norway made that possible. A number of others who have given here in Japan and the UK also. The next major project will be the purchase of a property in Yangon in Myanmar and some income generating projects in Kenya. More about that next time.

We are having our 15th anniversary celebrations in Taiwan on May 21st, so please pray for that.

Thank you all again for your practical and prayerful support and my apologies once more for lack of response from this quarter. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.

In His service,

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Jeremiah and Josephat's graduation

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