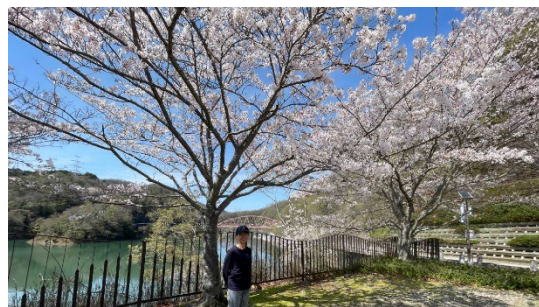




Sakura season in Japan has just passed.  
It was short but amazingly beautiful and sweet.



Sakura near our home at Hitokura Dam Park.



The Christian Educators Team with Oshima Sensei, leading worship at Hiyodoridai Church on April 21st. It was a warm and touching time of worship!



A few of the members of Hiyodoridai Church enjoyed lunch after the service. The gentleman on the left side in the middle was baptized just this past Christmas. Gene asked him to share his testimony in 60 seconds. He responded, "I can do it in three words, Jesus Saved Me!" How's that for a testimony?



A handful of the children playing at Kakogawa Christ Church came running over for a picture. Gene's heart melted :). (April 28)

Hi Friends,

Greetings in the powerful name of Jesus our Savior and Lord.

Spring has been a beautiful season, quickly giving way to warmer temperatures in Japa

Here is the English/Japanese video update: <https://youtu.be/JfP9ozsxDZ4>

Thanks for trekking with us!

Gene & Minori

**Praises :**

1. The implementation of the Discipleship Pathway for New Believers has begun in crea access VN. Praise God for the passionate and faithful leaders who are leading the traini
2. Praise God for the wonderful opportunities to preach at two churches in the Kobe ar this month. We are encouraged by how people responded to the invitation to become workers for the harvest.

**Prayers:**

1. Please pray for God's wisdom and direction as the leaders mentioned above continu their implementation work. Pray for a multiplication of leaders as well as believers.
2. Please pray for Gene's upcoming trip to the US in late May. He will spend two month visiting churches and meeting ministry leaders. He desires to be an encouragement to 1 who are working tirelessly for God.

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