



RCA Missionary Update

from Cornelia Roghair

Cornelia Roghair felt called to be a missionary and a teacher while she was in high school. She earned a degree in elementary education from Black Hills State College in South Dakota and a master's degree in education from Azusa Pacific University in California. After teaching in Japan as an RCA volunteer for over ten years, Cornelia was appointed a career missionary in 1987. For twenty-one years, she taught English at San'ai High School. She now teaches pre-school and works with Sunday schools and youth groups. She also partners with Nopporo Christian School to develop ministries throughout Japan's northern island of Hokkaido.

Japan facts:

- Population: 127,333,000
- Size: 377,835 square miles (slightly smaller than California)
- Major religions: 84 percent Shinto and Buddhist, 16 percent other (0.7 percent Christian)



MINISTRY

Christian Education

LOCATION

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Greetings from Japan!

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"When the roll is called up yonder," is repeated four times in the chorus of the hymn "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" by J.M. Black. The last time it is followed by, "I'll be there." At the end of my friend Sandra Dykhouses's funeral, the pastor at the Christian Reformed Church in Volga, SD, posed the question, "Will you be there?" I used this hymn when I spoke at her memorial service in English. In the Japanese memorial service at the church she attended for 18 years, I spoke of her love for music and the joy we will share praising God. Please continue to pray for her family, especially her mother, and for her friends here who miss our encouraging friend, Sandra.

I had the privilege of celebrating Grandma Ota's 103 birthday. This is the 12th time I have had the privilege of making an angel food cake to celebrate God's blessings with her. I had printed the Lord's Prayer in large print



Celebrating 103 years

and one of the ladies who came to help her saw it and mentioned that her grandmother had been a Christian and said that prayer often.

I jokingly asked if I could have a child when we went apple picking this year and the teacher quickly replied, "Oh, please be Mako's mother for the day. Her mother cannot come as she has pneumonia." We had a great time picking apples. Mako is a delightful little girl and drew a beautiful picture of us picking apples. I have very large blue eyes in her picture of us in the apple orchard.

I have been enjoying visiting some of the preschools in rural areas. I love traveling in the country and the fall leaves are so beautiful this year.



Enjoying Fall at Asubu

Recently, I told the story of David and Goliath using flannel graph. When I was attending a rural elementary school as a child we had a contest using flannel graph and I told that story. I really enjoyed sharing it with the preschool children. I gave a talk on Luke 12:13-21. I gave each child two pictures and they put them in boxes marked heavenly treasures and earthly treasures. It is such a blessing to share God's Word with these little ones.

We have had many beautiful warm fall days, but this evening we had sleet so winter is on its way.

Thank you for your prayers.

Cornelia Roghair

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