



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

Ebetsu, Hokkaido, Japan

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"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." —Psalm 46:10 (NRSV)

Greetings from Japan!

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It is a beautiful warm sunny day and I was to have a twelve hour day teaching in two different cities, but all my classes were canceled due to influenza so I am sharing the day with you. I am thankful for a quiet day at home.

Although some things have been canceled due to influenza, there are many that are still being held. I have been blessed with good health and am enjoying the many fall activities. Saturday I attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Christian radio broadcasting in Hokkaido. I was blessed and encouraged by the fellowship with many other Christians. One lady I have known for twenty-five years shared that fifty years ago she was in the hospital with TB and not expected to live for more than two years. She was visited by a pastor and became a Christian at that time. She recovered and worked in a Christian retirement home. Although now in her seventies, she is a vibrant Christian and continues to help care for elderly people. Another lady whom I just happened to sit by shared that she had nearly drowned and a Christian lost her life saving her. She had become a Christian due to this experience just six years ago.

The Nopporo Preschool children went apple picking as

usual and once again one of the mothers was sick and couldn't go so I got to be a "mother" for the day. The little girl is a quiet little girl but when she drew her picture of the outing, she drew a picture of herself and me and was eager to show me.



My "daughter" for a day

The Nopporo Preschool Sports Day was postponed a week due to influenza so I was able to attend the Asabu Preschool Sports Day one Saturday and the one in Nopporo the next Saturday. The events begin with a little

worship service. On Sunday one of the older men said in his prayer that he had been frustrated all week but when he watched the happy children for the fortieth year, his mood was completely changed.

The church bazaar was canceled due to influenza so I was able to worship at a nearby church with their preschool children and parents. Besides the joy of worship with the children, there was a baptism that Sunday. The parents of the man who was baptized had attended the church faithfully for many years but none of their three sons had been baptized. After the parents passed away the second son and his wife were baptized and now the



Worship before the Sports Day events

oldest son was baptized. The two brothers and other church members are praying for the third brother.

Please continue to pray for the Christians in Japan that they may grow and that we will all be faithful in witnessing to others of God's love for each of us.

Thank you for your prayers and support which enable me to serve.

In Christ,

Cornelia Roghain

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