



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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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." —John 15:5 (TNIV)

Greetings from Japan!

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Thank you for your prayers and for your support. It was a blessing to see so many of you during my Home Assignment from March 18 - June 18. Thanks to all of you who made time in your busy schedules for fellowship. I was encouraged by your work for the Lord.

As the new school year began in April, I arrived back in the middle of the term. I had a very busy five weeks which ended on July 25. Now that the preschools are having their short summer break, I am able to give my time to other things including writing a report for the meeting with the district missionary committee and communicating with you.

I was very warmly welcomed back. On my first class one little



A warm welcome back

girl came running in and jumped into my lap. At Sunday school one of the grandmothers told me how thankful she was that I had helped diagnose her grandson's eye problem. The preschool children were eager to learn. "Teach us 'lots' of English," they said.

There have been many special events as the first term ends. The five-year-old children at Nopporo Christian School had their overnight at school on July 10 and 11. It began and



Preschool overnight

ended with a short worship time. The children cut up the vegetables for their dinner with the help of the staff. They enjoyed activities in the evening and watched a video. Their 69 little mats were all lined up in the hall. Some found it harder to get to sleep than others. At 6:00 they were all up and we went for a walk in the neighborhood. It was cloudy but it did not rain. Some of the staff had breakfast ready when we returned. Breakfast tasted great after a morning walk.

I spent last Thursday through Sunday at a small rural pre-school about five hours away. I only get there once a year but the fact that the children remember and look forward to my visit is a real encouragement. One of the little girls remembered the Bible story and wanted to know if I had brought the flannel graph pictures with me. I enjoy time

with the staff as well and pray that I can be a real encouragement to them.

Several of the churches are having a junior and senior high school camp. I will be helping with that. There is also a farm meeting I plan to attend and the Nopporo Christian School will begin again on August 19.

Please continue to pray especially for the children and youth. Pray that their hearts will be open to God's Word. Pray that I will be an encouragement to the teachers. Give thanks for safe travel and good health.

In Christ,

Cornelia Roghair

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