



Joel 2:22

“So tell the soil to celebrate and wild animals to stop being afraid. Grasslands are green again; fruit trees and fig trees are loaded with fruit. Grapevines are covered with grapes.” (CEV)

Warm Greetings from Japan Bible Society

Japan was hit by the second financial crisis originated in Europe. The continuing economical and political unstableness along with abnormal climate have been affecting the nation in an unprecedented way. However, the Bible says “Everything will soon come to an end. So be serious and be sensible enough to pray. Most important of all, you must sincerely love each other, because love wipes away many sins. Welcome people into our home and don’t grumble about it. Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.” (1Peter 4:7-10 CEV) Our mission is to imperturbably deliver God’s Word, the Bible, to as many people as we can. It is God who enables us by His wisdom. Please pray that JBS activities will be blessed. God bless you.



Rev. Makoto Watabe
General Secretary

The Visit to the Malagasy Bible Society and Haitian Bible Society

From July 30 to Aug 3, the General Secretary, Rev. Makoto Watabe and JBS Distribution staff, Mr. Naruo Watanabe, visited the Malagasy Bible Society on the island in eastern Africa, to learn about their Bible Work. A press conference was held where JBS activities were shared and was covered by the local media.

From Aug. 7 to 10, the two visited the Haitian Bible Society to offer the donation collected from our donors in appeal to the earthquake in January. The scar of the earthquake was left freshly as it was with many collapsed buildings still remaining untouched in Port au Prince. The hardships and devastation are still very much a reality, but the Haitian BS was encouraged by the support from friends of the United Bible Societies. It was inspiring to see the mission eagerly carried out to deliver the Bible to people who had lost their property as well as hope.



Church service in Madagascar



With the Haitian BS General Secretary, Mrs. Magda N. Victor



With staff of the BS of Togo



With the Chilean BS General Secretary, Mr. Francisco Viguera and the board members

The Visit to the Bible Society of Togo and the Chilean Bible Society

From Aug 1 to 4, our Fund-raising Manager, Ms. Shoko Takahashi, and Ms. Emi Béland, PA to the General Secretary/Manager of Foreign Affairs visited the Bible Society of Togo in central Africa. In the past, JBS supported their Bible translation and distribution projects. Since infrastructure is still under development in Togo, unpaved roads are still common in many areas which shortens the life-span of a car. In view of this, JBS agreed to fund the purchase a passenger car dispensable for doing their ministry.

Ms. Takahashi and Ms. Béland then moved to South America to visit the Chilean Bible Society from Aug. 6 to 9 to view the earthquake and tsunami stricken areas severely damaged by a M8.8 earthquake that took place on February 27. Donation from the JBS donors was presented to be used for the recovery of CBS ministry such as the loss of supply and damages of their warehouse, as well as for the assistance to the churches that suffered from the earthquake.

Topics Spanish “Bible Talk” to the Trapped Miners

On August 5, the roof of the St-José mine in Northern Chile collapsed and 33 workers were trapped underground, waiting to be rescued from the shelter 700 meters below. Requested by the Chilean Bible Society, 40 units of Spanish “Bible Talk (*)” were sent from JBS to be delivered to the trapped miners to encourage them. We pray that the Word of God will literally be a light in the darkness.

(*Bible Talk---a small egg-shaped electrical devise which enables the listener to select each book, chapter and verses from the New Testament. It is powered by two AAA batteries and can be used anywhere.)

Bible Talk



JBS Booth at “Edinburgh 2010 Global Mission Consultation in Tokyo”

Edinburgh 2010 Global Mission Consultation was held from May 11 to 14 in Nakano, Tokyo in commemoration of the centenary of the first "World Missionary Conference" held in Edinburgh in 1910. To look back on the history of faith and mission of the past 100 years, and to rethink the future of Christianity on a global scale, 900 missionaries from major denominations gathered from 140 countries. JBS set up a booth to showcase our products and to supply the attendees with information and resources available to help their ministry.



Global Mission Consultation Edinburgh 1910 to Tokyo 2010

Chinese Bible Presented to the Chinese Congregation of the Wesleyan Holiness Yodobashi Church

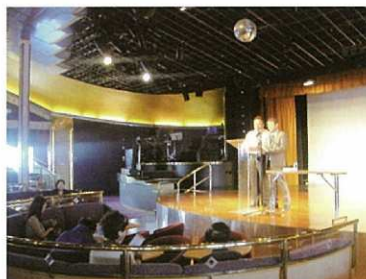


Presenting the Chinese Bible to Rev. Tatsuhiro Mineno of Wesleyan Holiness Yodobashi Church

JBS presented 500 copies of Chinese Bible to support the ministry of the Chinese Department at Wesleyan Holiness Yodobashi Church on April 26, 2010. There said to be over 650,000 Chinese people living in Japan. Evangelization to Chinese people other than those from Taiwan did not have a base in Japan, and, until recently, there were hardly any Chinese church. On the other hand, the Christian population in China is increasing at an astronomical rate, and the need to minister to the Chinese in Japan has become more and more evident. Since the number of annual Bible distribution is limited in China, being able to obtain a Chinese Bible in Japan is expected to generate momentum for Christianity in China also.

Mediterranean Cruise Pilgrimage Tour: April 11-19

“Pilgrimage Tour” in the Mediterranean Sea was conducted from April 11 to 19, and the General Secretary, Rev. Makoto Watabe, participated as well. Being sponsored and organized by a Christian Group in Korea, participants went on a pilgrimage tour aboard a 80,000-ton cruise ship, the Royal Caribbean “Vision of the Seas,” and visited the pilgrimage sites in Israel, Italy, Egypt and Turkey. Many church-related people participated from Japan, South Korea, and the United States. The cruise is held twice a year, around Easter and Thanksgiving. This time, 450 people participated in this Easter cruise.



General Secretary Rev. Makoto Watabe giving a message on board the cruise ship



80,000-ton cruise ship - the Royal Caribbean “Vision of the Seas”

Kobe Bible House Delegation Visits KBS

For the first time, a four-day trip of "the Bible and the Church in Korea" was carried out from July 21 to 24, organized by the Christian Center Kobe Bible House. Friends of the Kobe Bible House, 48 in total, from Protestant and Catholic Churches participated. As the tour leader, General Secretary Rev. Makoto Watabe, and 2 JBS staff joined the trip. The delegation visited the Korea Bible Society and its bindery (Bible Korea) located about one hour from central Seoul. It was their first experience to visit a Bible production site. Watching the Bible produced in so many different languages of the world, the delegation was once again reminded of the importance of Bible Work and its cause and was greatly blessed.

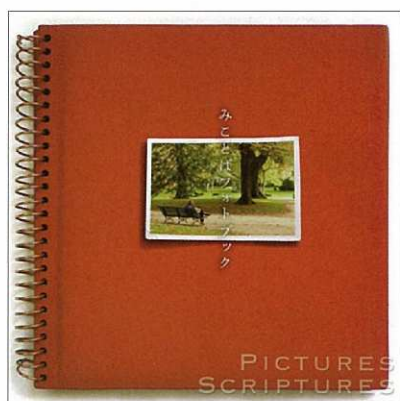


Delegation visiting the bindery, Bible Korea

JBS at the Tokyo International Book Fair

The 17th Tokyo International Book Fair was held from July 8 to 11 at Tokyo Big Sight, Japan's largest exhibition-oriented convention center. Continuing from last year, JBS set up a booth to demonstrate our products. About 1,000 companies from 30 countries exhibited, and 87,000 people in total visited the Book Fair which lasted for four days. There were many non-Christian visitors to the JBS booth, and not only the Bible itself but other creative products such as the Art Bible, Children's Picture Bible and the Manga Bible were their high interests.

JBS booth at the Tokyo International Book Fair



"Mikotoba" Photo book

New Publications Mikotoba Photo Book

Mikotoba (=God's Word) Photo book was published as a new autumn publication. It is a collection of photographs and favorite Bible verses collected from both amateur and professional photographers ranging from teens to 90's in age. 58 photos were chosen to be included in the book. JBS hopes that this new publication will be a new approach to bring God's Word to the people of this generation. The second collection is scheduled to be published next summer.



Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of JBS Bible Library

Bibles and reference books from various times and languages (5,236 books in 534 languages) are preserved in our Bible Library. It is open to the public and is widely used for researches.

A lecture commemorating the 30th anniversary of the library was held on July 9. Interesting episodes at the time of its establishment were shared by the Bible scholar, Dr. Yutaka Ikeda. Dr. Toru Kibe, specialist in the preservation restoration of historic documents, presented the worldwide trend of technology and research results on the preservation of ancient books as well as the digitalization attempt of Bibles in recent years. Forty-four people attended the meeting with eagerness.



A variety of Biblical study materials are stored in the Bible Library

Our distribution channels

Besides Christian bookstores, JBS Distribution dept., distributes the Bible through secular bookstores, mission schools and wedding halls and also via the Gideons International in Japan. Stable figures are seen every year.

Nov. 1, 2009 - Aug. 31, 2010

	Bible	Old Testaments	New Testaments	Portions	Braille	Audio	Selections	Others	Total
Christian Bookstores	91,696	721	56,050	1,713	0	195	112,938	3,542	266,855
Gideons International in Japan	1	0	350,000	0	0	0	0	0	350,001
Wedding halls	450	0	430	161	0	0	114	0	1,155
Churches	270	0	340	2	225	0	280	104	1,221
Secular Bookstores	10,437	355	5,200	969	791	173	5,150	430	23,505
Global Scripture Production Support	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000
Others	1,863	19	696	115	1,215	5	109	22	4,044
※Grand total	124,717	1,095	412,716	2,960	2,231	373	118,591	4,098	666,781

(Copies)

The Bible House

The Bible House where JBS has its office is located in Ginza, in central Tokyo. It was designed by a Czech born American architect Antonin Raymond and was constructed in 1933. The Bible House survived from the damage of World War II, and it is one of Ginza's cultural heritages. Though it went under some renovations over the years, the Art Deco carvings on the walls and the marble-stone hall are still preserved from the time it was built.

Bible House in Ginza



Topics Haneda's new spot--Tokyo International Air Terminal

A large-scale renewal construction was sped up at the Haneda Tokyo International Airport. On October 21, it will open up to more international flights as Japan works to maintain Tokyo's status as an Asian travel hub for both business and leisure. A new fourth runway was added to bring in flights from 15 countries including Europe and the US.

Brand-new Tokyo International Air Terminal