





What a contrast . . . from a Boeing 777 jet traveling at over 600 miles and hour to a ride on a jinrikisha on the crowded streets of Tokyo, Japan!

Getting back to normal after being in Japan for a month is not easy. I'm afraid last month I didn't get my prayer letter to everyone. Finally I am about used to American time. Japan is 15 hours ahead of us in Springfield, Missouri. Cars drive on the left side of the street and the steering wheel is on the right side of the car. That takes getting used to. And as for food, well, look at the above picture. You can see that eating seems to be a very major part of life in Japan. In the picture, we are at a Japanese Inn in the country side of Japan. I preached to the sonenbu; that is the old men's meeting. Don't ask me what all we ate because I don't know. I do know that I ate some eel and octopus. I might say it was chewy for sure. My number one thing I liked to do was to preach and I did plenty of that. I preached 26 times in all. What a blessing to preach the gospel to some who had never heard before. A highlight of the trip was when I sat next to a lady who came to Bro. Bill & Barbara Neel's church and to lead her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Had that been the only blessing, the trip would have been worth everything we put into it. But every day, every church, every meeting was full of blessings. Actually I didn't want to leave the people I love.

But the Lord has led me to start a ministry to the Japanese in Springfield, Missouri. Then I started the Precious Memories Support Ministry that also keeps me busy. The SOS Soulwinning Ministry is also important to me. My radio ministry with KWFC is also a vital part of my ministry. As you can see, I do keep busy. I have no intention of slowing down. In another week, I will turn 78. I use to think that was old, but I've changed my mind. To you who support me, I want to thank you. Pray as I work up a Power Point show with pictures I took in Japan. I took about 1600 pictures. I decided that would be to many to show at one time to any church. Ha! I will be available to preach and present the need of missions in churches close to Springfield on Sunday mornings or weekday nights.

Again, thank you for your love, prayers and support for my ministry. Also pray that my book, "No More Tears" will continue to help those who have experienced the home-going of their life's mate. By the way, should you want any books, contact me.

Yours, Serving Our Savior, together, Bill Hathaway