



## 60 YEAR MISSIONARY TO THE JAPANESE

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*"Preaching the Gospel of The Risen Son to the People of the Land of the Rising Sun"*

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Dear Fellow Missionaries, Pastors & Friends:

On November 19th, 1955 I was ordained as a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the Wichita Baptist Tabernacle, thus marking this month as my 60th anniversary in the ministry. I recall with vivid recollection that day back in 1951 when Missionary to Japan Ike Foster had me preach my first message on the streets of Tokyo. I was then a young man serving in the United States Army Air Force during the WWII occupation of Japan. While stationed in Japan, the new blue U.S.A.F. uniforms were issued to take the place of the Army uniforms. Many years have gone by and I'm still busy preaching the message of salvation to the Japanese people. I'll be 85 on the 14th of December, next month and I have no plans to retire. I may get tired, but not retired. Humm...I guess that makes sense. (Doesn't he look like a ferocious hardened soldier? Ha!) Oh, concerning Ike Foster.....he was the first man to give me a hug and call me "son." I sure miss my "dad."

During October, I did something I don't remember ever doing before. Margaret and I took a 11-day vacation. We both were needing a break. My surgery back in June still causes problems. Due to my lung being flattened and a biopsy taken, I have had shortness of breath and occasional pains in my chest. The doctor says it's because of the scars, which they say are not curable. However, the work of the Lord must go on, so we have not slackened our pace. John 9:4 *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*



I have mentioned Hiroshi Inaba in my prayer letters. Hiroshi has graduated from BBC and has accepted a position with the BBN Christian Broadcasting Company in Charlotte, NC. We are happy for him, but we already miss him here. He has been my right-hand-man. He is a very capable preacher and Bible teacher. Please pray for him and his future. I believe God has great things in mind

for him.

Thank you for your love, prayers and support. With only 6 monthly supporting churches, you can understand the need. Should you feel led to support us, we would be grateful.

Yours, Serving Our Saviour, together,

*Bill & Margaret*