50-YEARS SPECIAL EDITION

In June of 1966 the University Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, commissioned Louise and me as their missionaries to Japan. Later that year we were approved by the Baptist Bible Fellowship. Through the support and prayers of many churches in the U. S. and the assistance of many dedicated Japanese Christians, we have been able to establish three churches and assist in the establishment of two other churches on the island of Kyushu in southwestern Japan. In addition, we have sent missionaries to Taiwan and Peru.

West Jacksonville Baptist Church began supporting our ministry in 1989, so I am grateful for your faithful support and prayers during the past 28 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the following people

1-      First and foremost, I am grateful to the Lord for giving me the privilege to serve Him in Japan. I am still amazed that He would choose someone like me to declare the glorious gospel of Christ.

2-      My wife, Louise, who went home to be with the Lord in 2007. Without her by my side I would not have made it for 5 years, much less 50 years. She is the real hero of the ministry in Kyushu.

3-      Pastor Frank Ciresi and the members of University Baptist Church. They have faithfully supported the ministry in Japan through their prayers and support for 50 years.

4-      My pastor for 40 years, Jack Dinsbeer. In addition to being my mentor, he has been a father figure to me from the time I started attending his church at the age of 17. His counsel and encouragement during these 50 years have been invaluable.

5-      Missionaries Stan and Helen Flynn. The Lord gave us a passion for lost souls in Japan through our friendship with Stan and Helen.

6-      My friends in the church youth group. Their zeal for Christ had a great influence on me at a critical time in my Christian life.

Thank you for the support of $100 in April and $100 in May.

Ken Board

Missionary to Japan