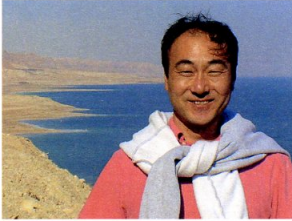


The English Page with Excerpts

The Media and My Life

Interview with Hiro Inaba (CHEA Japan director)



In this interview Mr. Inaba talks about his upbringing, finding Christ, how he became an NHK director, his work with Harvest Time, and his desire to use the power of media for the

Gospel. He shares his insights concerning media choice, media literacy, protecting children from harmful media.

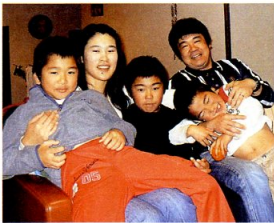
"Media is addictive and so one way to cope with it is to cut yourselves off completely. However, I decided to teach my children to discern the good from the bad. To do that, I had to spend time with the kids and establish trust in order to teach them the dangers. Kids won't always appreciate you being a watch dog, but if we firmly stand on the Scriptures and not compromise it will pay off."

"Movies have the ability to convey values and information in a powerful way... The recent movie, Fire Proof, is a good example. This has been a great success along with the hand book, aiding people to restore their marriages."

Mr. Inaba who currently lives in Burbank, California is on a team of directors who are working on a high profile movie called Kingdom Come, the story of Jesus Christ (No press release yet but expected in 2012).

Revived Marriage

Interview with Tetsuya and Yuko Yoshida



Texted message:

Tetsuya: "Are you going to the gospel choir practice today? What time are you coming home? I love you."

Yuko: "Well, I don't know if I love

YOU."

Tetsuya: "You don't love me?"

Yuko: "No."

Tetsuya: "So, it's divorce?"

Yuko: "Yes."

Tetsuya: "Okay. We can go to the city office on my next day off."

In spite of getting married in 1995, and three growing children, their lives had drifted apart and the two of them had texted those brief messages over their cell phones that day. The following holiday they were divorced.

Just about that time, Yuko started going to a church that her son's daycare was connected to. Christian friends in her gospel choir group encouraged her rather than being judgmental and

eventually she decided to accept Christ. Yuko started reading the Bible and God began speaking to her through the scriptures that divorce was wrong. The day before her baptism in June of 2008, she called Tetsuya to apologize to him for the divorce. God had gradually been opening Tetsuya's heart, too, and so he came to the baptism and began going to church. He soon trusted Christ, and on the day of his baptism two months later and two and a half years following their divorce, Tetsuya and Yuko publically renewed their wedding vows in the church.

Tetsuya wrote a letter to Yuko at the Father School which he attended.

"Thank you for taking care of the kids during our divorce. Thank you for giving me another chance..."

"What Do We Do With Unwanted Pregnancies?"

Interview: Life Hope Network



Life Hope Network, a Japanese ministry in Nagoya patterned after Life Hope International in the US, reaches out to women with unwanted pregnancies and offers counseling, shares the

Gospel, and provides a temporary home where women can stay until the baby is born. Life Hope Network (LHN) which was pioneered by Cynthia Ruble began 5 years ago and now has a staff of 10 counselors. Here are a few excerpts from the interview with Cynthia and Mrs. Tarashima:

Cynthia: We first made a pamphlet to get the word out and put them in city offices, hospitals, clinics, universities, and churches.

Mrs. Tarashima: Most calls come from the Nagoya area but we get people from all over Japan including Tokyo and even a few from abroad such as the US, France, and England.

Cynthia: Two women can be comfortably housed in our present facility and if necessary, one more.

Mrs. Tarashima: The women are free to do as they like during their stay but with their consent we require them to attend church. This is not to push Christianity on them, but we found that it helps to smooth out the strains of communal living.

About 30 percent of our clients are women who are suffering from post-abortion syndrome. Unlike what they were told, they discover there is heavy guilt following abortion. We take them through steps for recovery in biblically based counseling and believe they can experience God's forgiveness and healing..

We as staff are always learning so much about ourselves, too. We are constantly being stretched spiritually, especially in the area of love, sin, and forgiveness.

For more information, or to support the ministry, go to www.lifehopenet.com.



FamilyTalk
"Children During Recession"

The recession in Japan has deepened even more in 2010 and there are many parents raising children today who are gravely concerned about the future. On the other hand, the children themselves don't feel deprived nor unhappy due to the recession...

...Children's happiness is not based on economic prosperity. No matter how poor a family may be, if there is a warm relationship between the parents and children and enjoyable conversation which daily fills the home, the children will always feel "I'm so glad I was born into this family!"

The parents may feel that they need to make life easier and financially provide for the children, but there is a much more important need. That's spending time with your children. No matter how deep the recession is, if children can experience fun and enjoyable times with their parents they will be perfectly happy.

"Better is a dry morsel and quietness with it, than a house full of feasting with strife." Prov. 17:1



Katie Cole's Tidiness Technique(No. 3)
Memory Box

"School's out. The kids are home. They've brought back a lot of stuff. Life is busy. I remember the year when I had mountains of papers and stuff from my yochien daughter, my first grade son, my fourth grade daughter, my sixth grade son, and my home-schooled 8th grader. So many papers and items to deal with, all dumped in the living room, waiting for me to sort through them. Those years of yochien and elementary school especially, seemed to be full of fun clutter and papers, asagao plants, melodians, carving tools, nikki, recorders, various posters about ecology and not being a bully, along with kanji and math tests, and shuji work. What memories!"

"Even if you don't have five kids and all their school things, what will you do with all those papers and treasures and other things your kids bring home so that they are not cluttering up your house?"

In this issue Katie Cole gives more hints on how to be more organized with the myriad of things which children generate and bring home from school. Early on, she decided to make a memory box for each of her children where important items were kept for their future.

"A place for everything, and everything in its place."



Children and Pets

"...Here are some benefits for children if you decide to keep a pet. First, it's good for their health, presuming they have no allergies. Pets lower children's heart rates and blood pressure, decrease stress, help ADD children to concentrate more, and help children to be more involved in activities such as sports, hobbies, clubs and chores. Second, pets teach kids responsibility through daily feeding and walks. It also provides a playmate for the child in a family if he is an only child or has only a few siblings. And of course cats and dogs are just plain fun and bring humor to the family. An important contribution to the children's character training is that pets invite affection through touching and petting, and teach compassion for the weak and ignorant. Pets have shorter lives and can teach kids to cope with the emotions of facing aging and death. And finally, there is nothing like when a child has had a hard day at school to come home and have a pet who happily welcomes him home without judging him. It does a child good to be loved and accepted unconditionally..."



Movie Review
Avatar

"...This movie was created on a record breaking budget of 300 million dollars and was in the making for 14 years. The cinematography and special effects are certainly highly superior to previous movies. However, there are elements which we need to consider with caution. There is an underlying New Age theme which runs throughout the movie, picturing the ideal world as having goddesses, mediums, nature worship, and groupism which, if not careful, subtly begins to undermine the Christian worldview..."

