

Role of Parents is to Guide their Children to Have Faith

Interview: Mr. Shinzo Omura



When your children misbehave or sin, it is a great opportunity to teach the truth of the Gospel. When I

used to see my kids do something bad, I would scold them and ask, "Why do you do this? This is not good. God does not like this. Are you going to continue doing this?" My child would answer, "I don't know. I want to quit but can't".

As is often the case, children don't want to be bad but can't help from sinning. But now I have learned to point them to Jesus. I tell my kids, "This is why Jesus died on the cross. It was for your sins. And all you have to do is believe in Him and he will wash your sins away."

I believe if we catch those opportune moments, Jesus will work in their hearts and they'll learn to trust in Him.



Vaccine for Cervical Cancer: Do We Really Need It?

By Sayuri Sugii

In April of 2013, the Japanese government began recommending teen girls to receive vaccination for the HPV virus which causes cervical cancer. However, heavy side effects from the vaccine were reported from various parts of the country and soon the government suspended its use.

Unlike the government stance of just vaccinating young people to prevent HPV virus infection, FFJ believes that proper abstinence education is the answer. Teaching our youth to not have sex before or outside of marriage is the safest way and without side effects for preventing cervical cancer.



IT and Children -Is it Okay to let your children have a smart phone?-

By Takashi Horii



The internet provides information and resources free of charge and is helpful to us as adults, but

what about children? Too much information is difficult for our children to handle and can easily do more harm than good if they are not taught to use it wisely. Giving your children a smart phone without teaching them how to navigate the internet is like letting children walk on a busy freeway unescorted.



Ask Pastor Hori



Q. My husband takes my children to a shrine on Shichi go san. I am the only Christian in my family and am trying to raise my children to have Christian faith. What can I do?

A. Let your husband know that the Christian church can be a blessings to the family and provide protection for the children. To replace the Japanese tradition, introduce the alternative of child dedication in the church and Gantan Reihai so that your husband wish his children good health. This can be a great opportunity for you to guide your family to Christ.



Parenting for Beginners No.6

By Jon Benedict



Q. It's been 5 years since we were married, the romantic fire seems to have gone out, and my husband does not show much affection. How can we rekindle our

love so it becomes like when we were first married?

A. It is normal for many people into their 5th year of marriage to feel everything has settled down and even boring. Many people think that they need to go back to the newlywed days and they try to duplicate it. I don't believe that is necessary nor is it realistic... Our expressions of love grows and changes and so the key is to accept the here and now and show affection and love at your stage of maturity.

Affection plays an important part of happiness and contentment so we don't want to neglect it. It's important that you know your husband or wife's needs as well as your children's and give them as much affection as they want or need. Remember that some people may show less physical affection but it doesn't mean they love less. They may show their love in other ways.