

Taiwan

When they are released from prison, what will happen to the students from my English Bible Class at the detention center who have made professions of faith? Some have even been baptized, yet how will they adjust to life, family, and friends outside the prison walls? Will they be strong enough to continue following the Lord?




Sister Monika Gottschild

Recently in class, Rich said, "I hope I will always do what I do here in prison. When I have a problem or feel frustrated, I remember the words of a song, 'God will make a way where there seems to be no way.' That always gives me new strength and assures me that with God, I can face the storms of life."

Martin admitted, "I'm afraid of the day when I will be released. I'm afraid old friends will lead me astray and I won't be welcome at home or in society. I am comforted by the words of the song, 'I Know Who Holds the Future.' Because all my tomorrows are in God's hands, I can face them and have peace in my heart."

I told them about two former students. Right after his release, Jack (on Right in photo) found a church where he was welcomed, accepted and helped in finding a job. Today he owns a restaurant and helps other newly released prisoners find their way into society. He wrote, "I knew that only by staying very close to God could I overcome the

temptations awaiting me on the outside." Jack employed Adam (on Left), also baptized in prison, until he could find a better job. They attend the same church, pray together, and are growing in their faith!

Dear mission friends, please pray for the other inmates to grow strong in their faith now, during their confinement. Also remember those already released, that churches would take them in and encourage them. We covet your prayers! Thank you! 

Sister Monika Gottschild, senior missionary of 29 years, serves the residents and staff of "Bethesda" - Home for Challenged Children and Adults, in Hualien, Taiwan. Her ministry to inmates at a local prison is another way she reaches out to those who have no voice in society.



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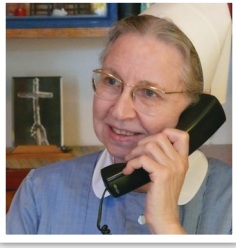
Building Bridges between God and Man

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Dear LCM Prayer Warriors,

***The sending, Lord,
springs from Thy yearning heart.
God, Thou the sender,
Thou the sent one art,
And of Thy mission
makest us a part. Alleluia!***

— William J. Danker 1966



Excitement fills me as I think about our fast-approaching **CROSSroads 2017** Mission Conference! Please mark **September 29~October 1** on your calendars for this exceptional event. Read more about **Brian Hogan, YWAM** church-planter, as well as the other participants in the enclosed flyer. An additional **PERSPECTIVES** component will also be in place at CROSSroads, and we expect to be blessed, renewed and mobilized. Don't miss this life-changing event!

In June 2017, Liberty Corner Mission established a permanent presence in Northeastern Japan among the Tsunami-afflicted. **Shinya & Michiyo Fujita** from Tokyo were commissioned and sent out to **Sendai**. This couple needs our prayer support. Pray that the spiritual seeds they sow will take root, that souls will be saved, and that a vibrant church will emerge.

How gracious of our God to make us a part of fulfilling His great commission! The verse of the above song tells of the Father's yearning, loving heart that sent His Son Jesus to this earth to die in our place and redeem our souls from eternal damnation. And now He sends us into our prayer closets, He sends us to far-off fields, and He sends us to support financially those who have gone forth to proclaim this redemption to the lost in the Far East. We of Liberty Corner Mission heartily thank each of you who join us in being sent. Alleluia!

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

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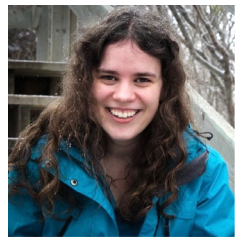


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Japan



Thea van Diepen

On occasion, Liberty Corner Mission has enlisted short-term volunteer missionaries. They assist and serve alongside career and national missionaries by teaching English Bible classes and through friendship evangelism. Thea left her home in Canada so she can help LCM's church in Tokyo for six months.

The Holy Spirit is working in our Christian youth here in Japan! He is moving in their hearts to impact those around them with the Gospel. It is my privilege to have contact with some of them as I serve here in our church in Tokyo.

At one of our meetings, I asked the young people for their prayer requests. They began by telling me about the high suicide rate of young people in Japan. They told me how many of them have no hope and are living in fear over the changing economy, anxious over how bleak their future seems. Many have few places or nowhere they feel they can really be themselves. Please pray that God will become a safe haven for them and that the youth of Kotake Mukaihara Church would be bold and powerful witnesses of Christ to their own generation.

As some of these non-Christians come to youth group, pray that they would seek after truth and come to know Christ. Our Christian youth desire to create an atmosphere where other young people will feel comfortable about sharing their joys and struggles with the others. They want their church to be a safe, comfortable place where people can be themselves, where visitors feel wanted and accepted, and mostly, where non-Christians will find Jesus as Savior.

Pray for one of the young men in the church who wants to start a few small group Bible studies. His desire is that the young people will feel safe enough to share from their hearts. Pray that he will be led and enabled by the Holy Spirit to reach out to others with the Word of God and that lives will be changed forever!

Only through faith can all this happen. Thank you all so much for your support and prayer. 



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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

II Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

Xin Yi is a student in the last semester of her senior year of college. While finishing up her classes and doing an internship with a multi-media design company, she makes the long commute by train from our dorm in Taipei to Taichung. Xin Yi is optimistic about the future. She works long hours every day and hopes to save up enough money to fulfill her dream of travelling outside the country.

Xin Yi was baptized in high school but has not been following the Lord closely. She never read the Bible and rarely went to church. Lately, we have had a few one-on-one Bible study lessons together. After realizing how much she has been missing by not reading God's Word, she purchased a Bible for herself. I can see how motivated she is to read more in God's Word and to hear from Him! What Xin Yi needed was some encouragement and someone with whom she could fellowship and study the Bible.

Both her new job and school take up much of her time and energy. She's trying to slow down and is asking God for help in managing her time so that she can read the Bible more. At the end of each Bible study, she joins me in prayer to thank God for His provision and for revealing Himself to her through His Word. Please pray for her. May God give her wisdom and a heart that longs to know, love and serve Him!

Your prayer, support and care enable me to teach the Word of God and encourage women like Xin Yi here in Taipei. Please accept my heartfelt thanks! 

Emily Chao, an LCM missionary to her own people of Taiwan since January 2015, lives and works in Taipei. There she is dorm-mother to female high school and college students, and helps in many outreach ministries.



Emily Chao




Awara

Three years have passed since our church plant in Awara began. Initially, many children came to our Bible Club, but very soon their parents forbade them to attend. Not only did they stop coming, they were very suspicious and wary of us. We learned through this that we must first gain the trust of the children's parents. After praying for a solution, God opened a door to the local grammar school for me to be a volunteer teacher's aide where I read stories to the children every week. How I thank and praise the Lord that I'm getting to know teachers, children and this neighborhood! Now I go to school regularly, and the children call out "Teacher!" even when we see each other on the street. They introduce me to their friends and parents as the "story-reading teacher" at school. When parents know who I am, they are relieved and I've gained their confidence to a certain degree. In Japan, establishing relationships is paramount.

Because of this, some children started to come to church last year at Christmas. It was hard for me to believe, but most of them said they had **never** in their lives heard the biblical Christmas narrative of Jesus' birth, nor sung *Silent Night*! I deeply thank God for placing us here to build His church in this place so alienated from the Gospel. At that Christmas celebration, the children memorized Luke 2:11, **"For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."** Many months later, one little girl remembered the verse perfectly without any mistakes!

Do pray with us that His Word might abide in their hearts and grow into a deep faith in Jesus...Jesus as Savior! May God grant that the Gospel will be proclaimed in every corner of Awara, to both children and adults. Thank you so much!

"So is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:11 

Since January 2014, **Kazue Tanaka** has been serving alongside Pastor Rie Miura in Awara, Fukui. Together they are trusting Christ to build His church in this provincial area that is steeped in tradition and religious customs and where Christianity is both unpopular and unwelcome.



Kazue Tanaka

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