

Maintaining an open house and open hearts to everyone who visits us, works with us, lives with us, or needs our help in any way is our sincere desire at Bethesda. Indeed, many people pass through our halls each day, including government officials, educators, businessmen, tour groups and supporters, all visiting for different reasons. Observing them, I'm always reminded of the song: "People Need the Lord." It is therefore our daily prayer, "Lord, let people sense and recognize that You live among us!"



Sister Monika Gottschild

Some local Chinese volunteers, around one hundred in number, have formed an Auxiliary Corps that faithfully helps us whenever we need extra "hands" for our children. Though these Volunteers are not yet Christians, they marvel as they see our faith in Jesus manifested right here in Bethesda. What amazes them the most is that not only Staff, but also our resident children and adults believe in the power of God and trust Him totally. When we prepare for a special event as an outing or bazaar, these Volunteers often encourage us by saying, "Everything will go well because you are praying for it!" I firmly believe God is working in their hearts and that many are close to believing in Him. Do pray for this Auxiliary Corps! Thank you!



One of these volunteers, Mr. Chou, is the parent of one of our residents. He and his wife had visited numerous institutions in search of the best facility in which to place their son. They chose Bethesda. When asked why, this father answered, "In Bethesda, I see a different spirit, one of love and

concern, which I didn't find in other institutions." For years we have been praying for this couple. Mr. Chou has now started to read the Bible to find out why we are different. Please join us in prayer, that God would touch his heart and that he would have an encounter with our living God. When he accepts Christ, what a great impact he can make on other parents' and volunteers' lives!

Dear mission friends, thank you for your prayer and support! You are our fellow laborers in Christ and we highly value your partnership. Let us continue to build His Kingdom! 

Sister Monika Gottschild, senior missionary of 29 years, serves the residents and Staff of "Bethesda"- Home for Challenged Children and Adults, in Hualien, Taiwan. Sister Monika's heart beats for those who have no voice in society.

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**Preach the word;
be ready in season and
out of season;
reprove, rebuke, exhort, with
great patience and instruction.**

II Timothy 4:2 NASB



Dear faithful Prayer Partners,

Before the days of modern navigational devices, ships were equipped with two compasses. One was on the deck where the helmsman could easily see it. The other compass was fastened high on one of the masts, and daily a sailor could be seen climbing the mast to check that compass. A passenger asked the captain, "Why do you have two compasses?" The reply, "This lower compass is affected by metal on board the ship. The compass on the masthead is above that influence. It is always correct. We rely on the higher compass."

How many of us steer our lives by feelings, common sense, compromise, or by advice from friends? We are so prone to heed these earthly influences. Our true compass is the Word of God, to which we must unceasingly ascend for answers and certainty in the questions of life. As we surrender our will to its high and lofty counsel and the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will neither be deceived nor disappointed.

How thankful we are for you, dear friends, as you have heeded God's grand compass in supporting and praying for world evangelism! Our foreign and indigenous missionaries are zealously preaching the Word because God has commanded them to do so, and you have enabled them. One new donor just wrote me today, "Although we cannot come to the mission field in person, we hope our prayers and financial support can let us somehow participate with the ministry." Praise God for each of you who is following that higher compass of God's Word and His Holy Spirit, as you are engaged in missions!

On behalf of each missionary, LCM USA board member, and home staff, I bless you today!

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

Sister Maria Baha
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Liberty Corner Mission, established in 1935, is the foreign mission arm of Fellowship Deaconry Ministries, Liberty Corner, New Jersey. Serving in Taiwan and Japan since 1951, we preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, hold high the Cross, make disciples and plant churches, that God might be worshipped and glorified.

All gifts are tax-deductible. Receipts will be sent in early 2018. See our website for Online Giving.

Taiwan



Karl and Kathy Schulz

Cross-cultural mission efforts are alive and growing in Taiwan. Our church embarked on its first ever missions trip to Cambodia from July 3-8, 2017, and the positive ripple effect from it is just beginning!


We had been planning for this trip since last year and in the process, changed venues, had unexpected people sign up, and experienced a

miracle in terms of funding. Each team member planned to pay several hundred US dollars. Then a man in our church felt led to give the whole profit of a stock investment toward the short-term missions fund. Without any calculation on his part, that profit was enough to cover each one's expenses down to the exact dollar amount!

While in the Cambodian capital city of Pnom Phen, we worked with a church that provides a school and orphanage for some of its young members, and which is also part of a broader outreach to people in the countryside. We gave the congregation some toys, clothes and school supplies, but they gave us a display of simple, sincere faith in Jesus. Our outing to a pre-church plant in the countryside exposed us to truly poor people who were thrilled to receive two loaves of bread each.



Our people returned to relatively wealthy Taiwan with a heightened sense of gratefulness, recognizing that the pursuit of things seems empty compared to our ministry in Cambodia. A team member's mother was in tears as she related how her son has become nicer, more willing to help, and now likes going to the youth group. One team member said she learned how to take things to the Lord in prayer, and another one discovered what it means to truly worship God. Some are talking about going back next year. We'll see how the Lord leads!

The trip was a blessing to me as well, deepening my desire to be fully engaged for the Lord, ready to do his bidding, letting the joy of the Lord be my strength. You, our supporters, are a constant source of blessing to our family and to our church. Thank you so much! 

Karl and Kathy Schulz, in Taiwan since 1993, serve in Taoyuan, near Taipei. Karl is a church planter and Field Leader of LCM Taiwan. Karl and Kathy have three children, Aurora and Ben in Taiwan, and David is studying in the USA.

Japan

Thank you for your faithful prayer and support for Japan and for the plans God has for Sendai, the area of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. On June 18th of this year, my husband Shinya and I were commissioned by Kotake Mukaijara Christian Church for this Sendai church plant. We left that commissioning service with a renewed trust in God who had called us, and with greater zeal to serve Him in Sendai, knowing that His people would prayerfully support us.


Since March of 2011, when Northeast Honshu was impacted by an underwater earthquake of magnitude-9.1, followed by a devastating tsunami and nuclear meltdown, our Tokyo church has been involved in the relief program. This disaster resulted in 15,894 deaths, 2,546 missing persons, and after six years, there are about 150,000 evacuees who lost their homes, with 50,000 displaced persons still living in temporary housing. Each month some church members and I spent 2-3 days in Sendai (about a 3-hour trip by train). Initially, we delivered supplies, made meals, and visited the homeless in shelters. Soon we began Bible studies, children's clubs and attempted to encourage pastors and church members, whose facilities had been destroyed. Now God's arms are spreading even wider, as He is leading us to begin a church where these hurting and largely disillusioned people may find the strong, spiritual foundation they need, through faith in the Savior.

Before moving to Sendai this past June, I shared God's calling on our lives with parents of children at the pre-school where I worked in Tokyo. One mother told me that a friend of hers lives in Sendai. What a surprise it was to discover that she lives a mere 10-minute walk away from our newly rented home! She was so happy to meet us, and already brings her two young children to Kids' Club. Pray for her family, and that other families would bring their children and hear the Gospel, too.

Mrs. I is another victim of the tsunami. Though she is not a Christian, she desires to reach out to others who are still suffering and hurting deeply. She asked me to teach her methods of counseling. Please pray that Mrs. I would come to know Jesus, our great Counselor, who alone can save these victims from their deep pain.



Michiyo and Shinya Fujita

God has sent us here to live among these many heart-broken people. Please pray with us as we preach the Gospel, with or without words, that the people of Sendai will open their hearts to God so that the Light of Life can penetrate their dark world and save them. 

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Michiyo Fujita, with her husband Shinya, left the comfort of their Tokyo home to live among the tsunami survivors of Sendai. As a tent-maker, Shinya not only supports his wife's ministry, but has made it his own. The Fujitas are the parents of two adult daughters who have remained in Tokyo.

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Relocated...

Liberty Corner Mission USA is blessed by having Pastor Norman Dietsch as Chairman of our Board. On November 14, 2017, Pastor Norman and his wife Hilda moved from Schooleys Mountain, New Jersey, to Raymondville, Missouri, to spend their active retirement on the farm of their son Andrew and his family. We are grateful that the Dietsches will continue to support the ministry of LCM USA.

Pastor Norman and Hilda followed God's call into foreign missions in the early 1950's, serving on Manus Island in northern Papua New Guinea with Liebenzell Mission for 21 years. Later Pastor Norman was the Director of Liebenzell Mission USA in Schooleys Mountain. Later he pastored the Deaconry church here in Liberty Corner, and filled the pulpit at his home church in Clifton, NJ. Both Hilda (85) and Norman (89) served God faithfully, leaving behind the fragrance of lives dedicated to bringing people to Christ and glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ.

Returned...

After laboring for the Lord in Taiwan with Liberty Corner Mission for almost three years, Emily Chao recently made her way back to the United States. She served the Lord with all her strength in the capacity of dorm mother to high school and college young women in Liberty Corner Mission's dormitory and guesthouse in Taipei. Emily has returned to her home church in Greensboro where she is seeking the Lord's guidance for further service for Him. Please pray with us for His leading.

We thank Emily for her service with LCM and for her heart that reaches out to the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We also express our thanks to you for supporting Emily with your prayer and gifts. Please pray fervently with us for the person or persons of the Lord's choosing who can fill the vacancy left by Emily in Taipei.