

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for us in Bethesda. You are helping to make a difference in the lives of our 135 residents, and our co-workers. Our goal is not just to be an institution, but a loving, caring home.

When I meet a child for the very first time, I pay close attention to their eyes and what they tell me about the child's story and fears. Many children come with a wounded heart, afraid to trust anyone. After living among us for a short time, they smile more often and show they are learning to trust.

All the children become part of a family group that meets each evening for devotions. God is so real to them and they trust Him and want to tell Him everything. One little girl said to me, "I want so much to see Jesus. Where can I find Him?"

Chia-Hau, one of our young adults, has lived with us for many years. At age ten, he saved enough money to buy a Bible, and was baptized a few years later. He told me that every day he has "time with the Lord." One day, at his request, he prepared and led our devotional time. It included music by a worship team made up of his friends, and a PowerPoint presentation! It touches my heart to see him in his wheelchair, physically weak and dependent on others for help, and yet so strong in his love for the Lord. On his bi-weekly visits to the hospital for physical therapy, he carries a little bag with him that is filled with Christian cards, tracts and his Bible. He told me, "I go there because I need physical therapy, but I always meet people who need therapy for their hearts because they don't know Jesus yet, and I get to tell them about Him." My own missionary-heart rejoices when I see our children becoming missionaries in their own way. Dear friends, would you please pray for the salvation of Chia-Hau's family?



In the words of the Apostle Paul, I gladly "Thank you for your partnership with us in the gospel." Let us together continue to work for the Kingdom of God!

Sister Monika Gottschild, missionary for 31 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.



Sister Monika Gottschild

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Dear Prayer-Warriors,

Recently while attending a local missions conference, one of the speakers quoted theologian, pastor and author, John Piper:

GO, SEND, or DISOBEY!

Years ago, when I first heard these words, I found them judgmental and critical. Today, after three decades on the mission field (*GOING*) and one decade in the LCM headquarters (*SENDING*), I realize Piper was right. The underlying theme of the Bible is reaching the nations, giving each individual the opportunity to hear and understand the Gospel, to love and worship the God of Creation, and to accept the salvation Jesus offers us! Therefore, it is absolutely essential that we get this message out to those who have never ever heard of our God, either our neighbor next-door or those living on the other side of the world, by *GOING* or *SENDING*. If we are people after God's own heart, it will be our all-encompassing passion... because it is His!

You, who faithfully pray for and support our missionaries and their ministries, are on the *SENDING* front of Liberty Corner Mission. Thank you! Some of you are also *GOING*, as again this year two teams of short-term missionaries from our neighboring Rutgers Community Christian Church will go to Japan to help during the summer. It is exciting that two of the team-members will be serving there for 6-7 months, helping with our English teaching program and Gospel outreach. Fervently pray with us, please, that also career missionaries will GO to Taiwan and Japan.

Please put **CROSSroads 2019**, our annual missions conference, September 13-15, 2019 on your prayer list and your calendar! Our keynote speaker this year, **Boto Joseph** from Global Gates, and missionaries from Liberty Corner Mission and other mission organizations will also be participating. We anticipate that the Lord will both inspire and challenge us in our calling and privilege of *GOING* and *SENDING*. Be blessed as you obey the Lord!

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

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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.

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Japan



Kazue Tanaka

Did you know that mission scholars have determined that children are the largest unreached people group in the world? The 4/14 Window Movement (www.4to14window.com) describes itself as “a Global Mission Movement focusing on Reaching, Rescuing, Rooting, and Releasing children and youth (0-18 years old).” Statistics confirm that children are most likely to become Christians when they hear the Gospel between the ages of four and fourteen.

Here in Japan, “4/14 Window” Conferences are being held and surveys taken among Christians, who are greatly in the minority in this country. These surveys have revealed that when children have Christian parents, it is more likely that they too will become committed Christians. For children from non-Christian homes, it is still possible that they will come to know Christ if they have heard and understood the Gospel before the age of eighteen.

Pastor Rie Miura and I serve here in the rural area of Awara where there is no Christian church and only a handful of Christians. Based on what we have learned through the “4/14 Window Movement”, we see how vital it is that we find ways to attract children to our church on a regular basis to hear the Gospel. Non-Christian parents in Japan do not readily want to send their children to church. Since computer programming is now an important part of the elementary school curriculum in Japan, we began a special computer class for that age group. So far, only one mother has been bringing her child to this class.



After giving instruction in computer programming, we have “Bible time” and some snacks. Because the mom stays with her child, she also hears the Gospel! We thank God for this blessing. Please pray with us for more opportunities like this to offer courses and other services to our community. Pray that many children will attend the classes, come to faith in Christ, and that whole families will be saved. Your prayer for us here in Awara is greatly appreciated as we “**cast our bread upon the waters,**” trusting the Lord that we will “**find it after many days.**” Ecclesiastes 11:1 

After graduating from seminary in 2013 and serving as an intern in Tokyo, **Kazue Tanaka** joined Pastor Rie Miura in January 2014 at our church plant in Awara, Fukui. Tradition and religious customs reign in this provincial area, making Christianity unpopular and unwelcome here. Please pray for a spiritual breakthrough!

Taiwan

The world is full of stories, most of which are fictional. The one completely true story, that God-breathed, life-giving one recorded in the Bible, can get crowded out of our hearts if we let it. Thus, reading the Word of God is an essential part of the life of a believer, and in our church, we encourage our people to develop this practice. In 2018, we gave our church a challenge to read the whole New Testament according to a daily schedule. Pictured below are the believers



who finished the task. Some of these precious people have been with us for a number of years. Others are more recent converts. The woman in the grey coat, Yu-chin, became a believer and was baptized at Christmas 2017, along with her daughter (not pictured). Both of them read the entire New Testament for the first time. The woman holding her newborn baby didn't finish reading the New Testament, but she stood in for her husband who had to be away on a business trip that day. He had finished reading the whole Bible last year! We gave each participant a small prize and a bookmark, which they hopefully will use while reading their Bibles or other uplifting pieces of literature.

This year we are challenging our people to read through the whole Bible by the end of 2019, and some have begun this task. But there are many days to go, so it's a long run, and we need each other's encouragement to persevere.

“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”

Rom. 10:17

May the Word ignite faith in all our hearts: faith in God Himself, faith in His promises, and faith to use our gifts as best we know how to expand His Kingdom in an imperfect and dark world! 

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 (with Yvonne) in Taiwan, and David is studying in the USA.



Karl and Kathy Schulz

Japan

Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Genesis 17:8 NKJV

Thank you for your precious prayer and support for the ministry in Sendai! God led us to plant His Church very close to where we had been supporting tsunami victims in temporary housing for seven years. The Lord has guided us in very clear ways.

Before coming to Sendai, I worked for a Christian nursery school in Tokyo. A teacher there encouraged me to make contact with the preschool program of Sendai YMCA. It is located very close to our new church plant! After introducing myself and conversing with the director, he said, “I think Mrs. Fujita was sent to us from God!” Though I was not seeking employment, the following month I began working part-time in their nursery school. I was placed in charge of daycare for the children, sermons for staff worship, and Christian training for managers.

Easter was approaching. Plans for our first children's Easter program in church were underway. Both staff and parents of the YMCA preschool accompanied their children, and the room was so full that the greeter was unable to close the entrance door!

One staff member of the daycare center attended that service and afterwards told me that she was interested in knowing more about Christ. She now attends our church regularly and studies the Word. Please pray that Ms. M will be saved.



Another teacher had been reading books about spiritual things, self-development, and problem-solving. She was earnestly seeking to have peace of mind in the midst of life's struggles. I encouraged her to rely solely on God and on what *His* Book teaches. She took

the challenge and later testified enthusiastically, “I realize that there is sin in every corner of my life and I need to repent.” This year I began having one-on-one Bible studies with her. Family responsibilities keep her from coming to worship services as often as she would like to. Please pray that Mrs. K will also come to know Jesus! 

Michiyo Fujita, with her husband Shinya, left the comforts 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 live in Tokyo.



Shinya and Michiyo Fujita