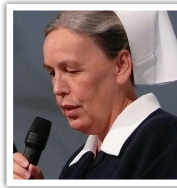


Over sixty years ago, God gave our first missionary to Taiwan, Sister Kunigunde Brunner, the vision to build a church with a guest house in Tien-Hsiang, a beautiful area in the mountains of Taroko Gorge. For our guests it is a place of worship, recreation, and exquisite beauty, where they enjoy God's amazing creation.



Sister Monika Gottschild

For 14 years, Mr. & Mrs. Chiou took care of our property there and were responsible for its administration. The fact that many guests kept coming back and writing glowing comments in our guest book and on Facebook, shows us how much they appreciated their ministry in Tien-Hsiang. Mr. & Mrs. Chiou did not just



keep the place clean, but also offered hospitality and gladly shared their faith with others. Often I saw them sitting outside with guests, having a cup of tea. Mr. Chiou would tell his story of how God had heard the prayers of his wife and had miraculously rescued him from a gambling addiction, and transformed his heart and their life as a family. People fondly called them Chiou Papa and Chiou Mama. That's how close they felt to them. God used them to help guests to find hope, peace and a new life in Christ.

After struggling with liver cancer for half a year, Mr. Chiou passed away on February 27th. When I visited him in the hospital he always said, "I am ready to meet Jesus. My place up there is already prepared." He encouraged his children to follow the Lord and take good care of their mom. The nurses were surprised to see how peaceful and full of hope he was while waiting to go home to be with Jesus.

We lost a faithful, very special co-worker and are most thankful for Mr. Chiou's ministry. Dear friends, please pray for his wife, their six children, and their families during this difficult time. May these words of Jesus comfort them:

**I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.**



Sister Monika Gottschild, senior missionary of 32 years, serves the residents and Staff of "Bethesda - Home for Challenged Children and Adults", in Hualien, Taiwan. Just one hour away from Tien-Hsiang by car, Sister Monika also oversees the ministry of the guest house there.



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Beloved friends of LCM,
Change. It looms all around us. It dominates the news, permeates our everyday lives, controls how we worship

corporately, robs us of normalcy, and rends loved ones from our grasp, some for time, and some for eternity. When will this end? What is *not* changing?

"I am the Lord; I change not." Malachi 3:6

Our gracious, immutable Heavenly Father offers comfort! Only HE can give us an eternal perspective on our ever-changing circumstances. HE alone does not change. His faithfulness, grace, forgiveness and love ~ all are unchanging. His Gospel, His passion for the lost, His purpose for our lives ~ these are not altered because of this present Pandemic.

But what has changed for Liberty Corner Mission in the past months?

- 🕊 Cancellation of our biannual conference for our Japan and Taiwan missionaries in February
- 🕊 Short-term missionary Dorothy Lam had to return to the USA earlier than planned
- 🕊 Children in Bethesda cannot attend public school
- 🕊 Services and classes at most of our churches had to go online
- 🕊 The Tokyo Building Project has been temporarily placed on hold
- 🕊 CROSSroads 2020, scheduled for September, is cancelled

In the future, methods used in our churches and ministries may change. But our LORD and His MISSION will not change! Please take a few moments to sing these words of comfort, hope and resolve:

*Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.*

With deep appreciation for your faithful prayer and support,

Sister Maria

Sister Maria Baha
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Japan



Michiyo & Shinya Fujita

Your prayer and financial support for our ministry in Sendai, Japan, fills us with gratitude and praise! Thank you so much! March 11th marked the ninth year since that disastrous underwater earthquake off the northeast coast of Japan demolished homes, caused an unprecedented tsunami that traveled six miles inland and claimed over 19,000 lives. Yet here in the Sendai area, God is still speaking!

On March 15th, Ms. S was baptized. After moving to our city from the countryside, she was employed by the same Christian kindergarten where I work, and her interest in the Bible grew.

About two years ago, she came to our church's Fellowship Hour. Although at that time she wasn't really seeking the Lord, she did attend church services on special occasions. She was a part-time employee at the kindergarten because she had not yet fulfilled certain requirements for a full-time position. Last summer when I noticed that Ms. S was downcast, I invited her to attend our services more regularly and seek the God of the Bible, who alone could help her. And she did!

Her understanding of the Word deepened and her faith in God grew stronger. Ms. S's life began to change. Church became her new home, and prayer became her new form of conversation. In September 2019, she acknowledged her faith in the Lord Jesus.

Ms. S's life-change was beautifully evidenced last November when she again was interviewed to become a full-time employee at the kindergarten. During the interview, she confessed that she had come to know Jesus through working there, and studying the Bible at church. She also told them she was preparing for baptism.

"What if you fail this interview?" she was asked. "If I fail, I believe God has a different plan for my life," was her concise answer. The committee unanimously voted to give Ms. S the full-time position she was seeking!

What is Ms. S's mission today? It is to share God's love with her kindergarten class! Praise the Lord for this new "family member" in our church! 🙏

He has made everything beautiful in His time. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:11

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 helps support his wife's ministry, but has made it his own. The Fujitas have two adult daughters.

Taiwan

Recently our church celebrated the baptism of Shiao E-Chen, who is a son of our assistant pastor. This is his story.

I first got to know E-Chen about ten years ago, when his mother began ministering at our church. He was there every Sunday and attended the youth group that I was leading at the time, but he never made a real confession of faith. One year while in high school, he attended a summer camp and had a special experience with the Lord, but again made no clear indication that he was ready to truly believe. Thereafter he went away to college in central Taiwan for four years, and we only saw him in church during school breaks.

During these past several months after graduation, there was a noticeable change in E-Chen. He not only continued attending church after moving back home, but was actively listening during the meetings. In this day and age of smart phones, it seems increasingly difficult for people not to be scrolling on their phones while apparently listening to a live speaker, but E-Chen was always focused. His interactions with others had become positive and helpful. It seemed like the time was right to once again ask him about his faith.



Now E-Chen was eager to make a confession of faith, pray the sinner's prayer, and prepare himself for baptism. Because he had already been through just about all the courses we had to offer, we did not think it necessary to ask him to "take classes" before baptism. Some people grow up in church, and during or after college seem to leave the faith. E-Chen has done the opposite. He has also begun one-on-one discipleship studies with another man in our church. He is now in mandatory military service, but will be ready to seek permanent

employment in June. We are looking forward to seeing God do great things in the life of E-Chen! Thank you for helping us make and strengthen disciples of Jesus such as E-Chen. We pray he will someday also become a disciple-maker. 🙏

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, who is studying in the USA.



Karl and Kathy Schulz

Japan

My name is Dorothy Lam, and the Lord called me to use my training as an English teacher to share God's love with the unreached in Tokyo, Japan. In October 2019, in partnership with Liberty Corner Mission and my home church, Rutgers Community Christian Church (RCCC), I set out on my 8-month mission trip and joined Jessica Wang (read about her in the BRIDGES Summer 2019 edition) at Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church. Together, we taught English classes to various age groups. It was exciting for us to see how God was using our English classes as a way to build His church and draw seekers to Himself.



Dorothy Lam

Mr. S is one such person. He discovered our Adult English Bible class from neighborhood flyers and the church's website, and came to class in November to check it out. That was his first time in church. He seemed to thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to learn English, and he built an instant rapport with many class members. We invited him to come again, and he agreed (but then again, the Japanese are polite and seldom say "no" directly).



Two weeks later, Mr. S came back to English class. For most Japanese, there's a huge difference between coming once and coming twice: coming a second time can be an indication of someone's trust or curiosity, or both. Mr. S seemed genuinely interested and continued to come a third, fourth, and even fifth time. Church members who attended Adult

English Bible Class began having spiritual conversations with Mr. S, inviting him to church, and even giving him a Bible and encouraging him to read the Word of God for himself.

What a joy it is to be able to partner with the Lord! In the five months that I've been serving in Japan, I've had the privilege of seeing God work in this community through English class. And He's not done yet! The Lord continues to pursue people and draw them to Himself. O may His church grow and thrive in Japan! 🙏

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. ~ 1 Corinthians 3:9 NIV

Liberty Corner Mission enlists short-term volunteer missionaries, like Dorothy Lam, who serve alongside career and national missionaries. Her love for the Lord and for the Japanese was apparent. We regret her early return to the USA because of the Pandemic, but trust that her ministry to the Japanese will bear lasting fruit.