

Over twenty years ago, a fellow-missionary asked me to do prison ministry together with her, and my first thought was, “Lord, will I be able to do this?” Soon I realized what a very great privilege it is to walk with these inmates at a very traumatic time in their lives. I witnessed how prisoners were transformed after they had heard the Gospel and invited Jesus Christ into their hearts. Even though they still had to serve their time in prison, their hearts were free. Each one of them has his own story.



Sister Monika Gottschild



After spending 20 years in prison, can you imagine what it’s like to be released into a world that has become foreign to you? William accepted Christ in English Bible Class, was baptized, and soon after was transferred to another prison. He was finally released a few months ago. How long he had been waiting and praying that he would be reunited with his family and be able to hug his now 21-year-old son! But no one had told him that his son had had a fatal accident in the fall of 2021. William still grieves deeply over this tragic loss. Nevertheless, he tells me not to worry because God will take care of him. Dear friends, please pray for William and all former prisoners as they try to find their way in society again, find a job and a spiritual home in a local church. Even after their release, I keep in contact by praying with them on the phone, sending messages, Christian magazines, and devotional books to encourage them to grow in their faith. It’s always a highlight when they come to visit, and to hear them gladly singing the songs we sang in our Bible Class in prison. One former prisoner recently said, “In prison we are just a number, but in Bible Class we felt we still had value. Jesus healed our broken hearts.”

The words of Jesus in Matthew 25:36 motivate us to reach out to prisoners:

**“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me.”**

Thank you for your support and prayer for our prison ministry, as well as for Bethesda! 🙏

Sister Monika Gottschild, senior missionary of 34 years, serves the residents and staff of “Bethesda”- Home for Challenged Children and Adults, in Hualien, Taiwan. Also reaching out to inmates at a local prison, she has a heart for those who have no voice in society.



**For Christ’s love compels us,
because we are convinced that one died for all...
...that those who live should no longer live for
themselves
but for him who died for them and was raised again.**
II Corinthians 5:14-15

Dear Friends of LCM,

CROSSroads 2022 is soon upon us! How we anticipate interacting with missionaries from the field, and hearing stirring messages from Boto Joseph. During CROSSroads 2022 you can also reconnect with friends, network with new ones, and go home with renewed love and zeal to live for Christ and His Mission for the lost. For more information, go to <www.LCMissionUSA.com> and click **CROSSroads**.

New opportunities in Taiwan have opened for LCM missionaries to be involved in planting churches on college campuses using English! This is not just a student ministry, it’s actually planting churches where students, professors, staff and locals can find fellowship and experience God’s love. Read more in the article by **Karl Schulz**.

Though it is a loss for our missionary force in Japan, we do rejoice that **Sister Edeltraud Kessler**, the co-founder of the Japanese Sisterhood *Bethel* in Kobe, suddenly was called Home by her Lord in late December 2021. Serving in Kobe for almost 50 years, she no longer had lived for herself, but for Him who died for her. We praise God for Sister Edeltraud’s life!

What a joy it is, that after years of fervent prayer, the Lord has prepared and called **Mirjam Wentland** to serve Him alongside **Sister Monika Gottschild** at *Bethesda ~ Home for Challenged Children and Adults* in Hualien, Taiwan! Mirjam was with us at CROSSroads 2021, and will be commissioned during **CROSSroads 2022**. Come and hear more of Mirjam’s story.

For each of you who pray for the ministries of LCM, as well as help us financially, we heartily thank you! May our Lord bless you!

In Christ and for Christ,
Sister Maria
Sister Maria Baha
Director, LCM USA

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Japan



Rie Miura

Praise the name of the Lord!

Let me introduce you to a seeker named Mr. I. who first visited our church in 2020. He had been looking for something to support his life in the future as he was about to retire the following year. He found our church when he was out walking one day, and came to our Sunday service the following week. I gave him a novel by a Christian author,

which he read and seemed interested in seeking the Truth.

Mr. I. began attending worship services every Sunday thereafter. It was the first time in his life that he had ever been exposed to the Bible. He immediately purchased a Bible for himself and began reading it. He pondered over what was being said in the sermons, and asked searching questions. Over time, he came to know and accept that there is only one God, the One who made this world.

After a year of attending our services, he began a one-on-one study of the Bible, where he could find answers to his many questions. He grew to understand the nature of God the Father in comparison to his relationship with his own children, but sometimes struggled in trying to understand and accept the role and work of His Son, Jesus Christ. However, a desire to believe and live in Jesus continues to grow in him.

Mr. I. now attends prayer meetings as well as worship services, reads many Christian books, and has a stronger desire to encounter Jesus personally. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work in his heart and lead him to a firm confession of faith in the Lord Jesus.

It is a miracle when one soul gets saved in a land where hearts are so strongly resistant to the Gospel. By God's grace, Mr. I. will be sharing the Gospel and his own story of faith with his family, friends and neighbors – something that is extremely important and powerful for those who have closed their hearts to Christ.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. We need them! Our church is a little flock, but we trust in the blessing and growth that our Lord's hand can give us.

PS NEWS JUST IN: On July 31st, Mr. I. followed the Lord in baptism, with a clear testimony of the Lord's saving power in his life! Hallelujah! 🙌

Rie Miura is a church planter in Awara, Fukui Prefecture, about five hours by train from Tokyo. Life in the rural areas of Japan is steeped in cultural and traditional religious customs, causing a strong resistance to the Gospel message. Please pray that Pastor Rie and her little flock will be salt and light to those in that dark, difficult region.

Taiwan

A potentially new and exciting avenue of ministry is opening up for Liberty Corner Mission here in Taiwan, that being working in partnership with a local group of Christians to plant student-centered churches.

Presently, the church in Taiwan has grown to the point where it reaches unchurched people with the Gospel, trains its own leaders, plants its own churches, and increasingly sends out its own cross-cultural missionaries. As good as this is, the actual culture of people under the age of 25~30 is markedly different than that of their elders, thus making it increasingly difficult to integrate them into traditional churches. The introduction of a different model, namely a student-centered church, has the potential to close the gap and keep the Gospel relevant to the next generation.



I have begun to work together with like-minded Christians in the early phases of such a church plant. In this new project the lead pastor and his assistant spearhead various interest groups in a local university. My role is to lead a conversational English class. Students who show interest in the Gospel are encouraged to join seekers groups, and after the flame of faith ignites in their hearts, cell groups will be formed. These new believers will become part of the church plant, which is our goal.

In July, I participated in a week-long English Gospel "camp" for university students at another university in the neighborhood of the church led by the founder of this fellowship. If the Lord so leads, Liberty Corner Mission could begin recruiting new missionaries from North America who would connect with this ministry and be part of a church plant initiative that focuses on younger people, but also welcomes other campus staff and their families. We would ask for prayer that we would be instruments of the will of God. It's a tall order, but what better goal could there be in life?

May the Lord bless this new outreach according to His will. Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for our family, our church, and for all our ministries here in Taiwan. 🙏

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, Ben (married to Yvonne) in Taiwan, and David and Aurora in the USA.



Karl and Kathy Schulz

Japan

We sincerely appreciate your precious prayers and donations for our mission in Sendai from the bottom of our hearts. Planting a church in a country known as the world's second largest unreached people group (UPG), Japan, needs the Lord's personal calling, His perseverance and His strength. We therefore are indebted to you who pray, encourage and support us.



Michiyo and Shinya Fujita

Thanks to your prayers, Mrs. K., was baptized last year at our church. Since coming to Jesus as Savior, she has a clear testimony and confession of faith. Each morning she prays, "Forgive me for my selfish life before I knew You. For my sins, Jesus hung on the cross. I thank You. I need You in my life. I believe in You." Like many Japanese women, she



had always thought that she could not be baptized unless she received her husband's permission. Because of his dementia, he is in an institution, where he suffers from violent emotional outbursts. Mrs. K. could not visit him often because of these sudden outbursts of rage. We kept praying that the Lord Almighty, whose ways surpass human understanding, would work in her husband's heart so that he would approve her baptism.

One day she received a message from her husband's facility that he had been very calm for a few days, and that he would be able to have a conversation with her. She went to the facility and told her husband of her faith in Christ. And then the miracle of all miracles happened: Mr. K. agreed to her baptism! We are so thankful to the Lord for His grace and perfect timing in Mrs. K.'s life! We would ask you, dear readers, to pray for the salvation of her husband.

An "unreached people group" is defined as an ethnic group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize that people group without outside assistance. The Joshua Project emphasizes the urgent need of approximately 2,400 active workers to evangelize Japan, which presently has only an estimated evangelical Christian population of 0.3%. Thank you so much for helping *Liberty Corner Mission* assist us in this church plant here in Sendai! 🙏

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 have two adult daughters.