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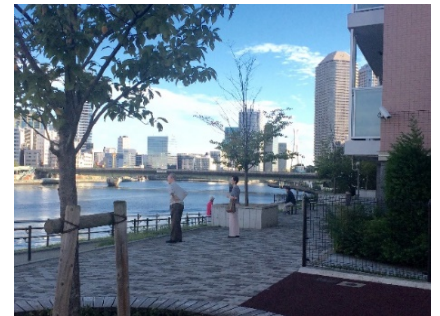
‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have Commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

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Thank you for your prayers for the Tokyo Central City Ministry. The first round of deputation has been finished. We are building good relationships with people in Tsukishima. The area along the Sumida River is a place of relaxation for residents and is crowded with people doing exercises and jogging every morning. They are just like people who were drawn to Jesus. We pray that those people will meet the true Lord through this ministry. Please join us in this prayer.

「For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’” (Revelation 7:17)



Youth ministry

On May 18th, I, Akiya Shimomura spoke at the EFC Tokyo Youth Convention with a theme “Living in the Gospel”. I asked young people a question: What does it mean to live the gospel at work? They were encouraged by hearing my experience and sharing their challenges in small groups.

Every Wednesday night, we gather to study “Center Church” by Timothy Keller. Young professionals join after work. Recently, we have a fellowship time over dinner at a tonkatsu restaurant before the discussion.

Since many of them struggle with the relationships at work, we sense the importance of such weekday fellowships. Please pray that the hearts of youths will be protected in each place where they are sent.



Bible Study & fellowship

- 『Center Church』 (Timothy Keller) Reading Circle on every Wednesday. 19:00~21:00 @Ginza
- 『Morning Prayer Meeting』 on every Friday 6:30~7:30 @Tsukishima Mac
- 『Monjya-yaki Fellowship』 on every month 22nd 19:00~21:00 @Tsukishima

70th Anniversary of EFCJ

In September, the Evangelical Free Church (EFC) of Japan celebrated its 70th anniversary. There were 750 participants and they wrote us messages (see the photo on the right)! We were really encouraged.

In 1947, the first EFC missionary from the USA came to Japan. He started his ministry with a small English conversation class, and there are now 65 EFC churches all over Japan (but in the center of Tokyo).

Although we have not even started the regular service, this conference reminded us of God's faithfulness and gave us confidence in what He will do through this ministry.



Prayer Request

- In order to start formal weekly service from 2020 spring, we require for new core members to commit to our ministry.
- We are asking for a suitable place for our Sunday service at Ginza and Tsukishima area.
- We are seeking for people who are interested in hearing the gospel. Please introduce your friends by email.
To akiyashimomura328@gmail.com
- Please pray for the health and the relationship with the Lord of Pastor Akiya & his wife Hatae.

Financial support

US\$50,000 is needed in the fiscal year 2019. In order to continue our ministry, and to start formal weekly service, US\$75,000 shall be needed in 2020, including rental fee for the service space. Please pray for all the needs to be met.

If you would like to support us as a church or an individual, please proceed the transaction as per following bank account information.

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Extra topics from U>S>A



Rockefeller Center is famous for its huge Christmas tree, but there was something else that drew our attention. In the elevator hall on the first floor, we found a wall painting of the modern version of "Sermon on the mount".

"Be sure to return a tenth of your income to God." "Even if it is just 1 dollar, it is worth 1 dollar." Rockefeller was taught how to manage money from his mother since he was little. Because he had so much wealth as an oil magnate, a number of accountants around the world were working for tithing.

He was a person who managed the wealth of this world faithfully without making money an idol. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."