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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

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very end of the age.

(Matthew 28:19-20)

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“See, I’m doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:19)

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for always remembering the work of Tokyo Central City Ministry. Despite a difficult situation with COVID19, we are very encouraged by your faithful prayers. People are joining to TCC one after another once our face-to-face worship has resumed. Praise God for using every circumstance: because of COVID19 one person was led to church, and another has returned to Japan and led to our church. As we report the latest situation of TCC, we are anticipating even great work of God through us.

Face-to-face worship service has resumed

Face-to-face worship has resumed in July at "Ginza Blossom" which offers a big enough space and good ventilation. However, since it is a reception hall, reservations cannot be made on one or two Sundays a month. One Sunday in



September, we couldn't find a suitable place for worship and prayed, "Lord, there is no place to worship!" Just like Maria talking to Jesus at the wedding in Cana. Then a personal from "Ginza Blossom" has told us that we can use their space for there was a cancellation on that day! The Lord knows our need and has opened a door for us. **“But you have saved the best till now.” (John2: 10)**

The place for worship is still our major concern, but we are taught that praying with trust is the first priority. We are truly grateful for the financial support we receive to be able to rent place like this. Please pray for a suitable place to host our worship service where people whom God is looking for can gather freely.



A "new" welcome project

"We are tired of monjayaki!" We were shocked when core members confessed it. But the Lord can turn the crisis into an opportunity. As a new project, we went fishing at Kasai-Rinkai Park with church members. We've never seen their happier face before when they caught fish! We thought Jesus would probably make a similar facial expression when one person is saved.

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Matthew4: 19)

It was a great opportunity to spend time with new members and get to know each other.

We have monthly meetings with core members. In the coming months, we will continue to carry out a variety of "welcome projects" with core members' unique gifts and hearts full of hospitality.

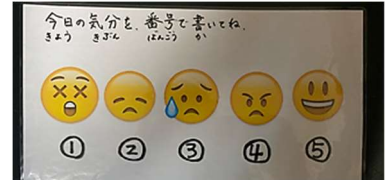
“all these are the work of one and the same Sprit,and he distributes them to each one,just as he determinies.”(1 Corinthians 12:11)

Bible Study & fellowship

- 『ZOOM Evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting on every Wednesday』 20:00～21:15
- 『ZOOM Evening Reading Circle on every other Monday』 [Exercise by James Brian Smith] 19:00～21:00
- 『Sunday Worship Service 』 18:10～19:30

After school program "TERAKOYA" in Tukishima

We teach kanji (Chinese characters) to children as an educational support for the community at after-school program. It was closed for some time due to Covid-19, but has resumed in August. Since then new first grade students have joined us. We are allowed to use an elementary school classroom for free. Every time when kids write their names on the list, we ask them "how are you feeling today?" Since it is almost a one-on-one lesson, talking about their "mood" sometimes develops into a personal conversation. Some children are from complicated family situations. It's a real blessing to read the book of Christian Morality and pray together with them. We hope we will continue to have a good and meaningful time with them.



Parenting support blog

Hatae is writing a blog about moving scenes she witnessed or heard in the area. We've made many mistakes while we were raising children, but as Hatae is writing the blog we realized that the Lord was with us even during those times. God trusts each family and entrusts them with their children. May the blog encourage the child-rearing generation. Please pray that God will continue to give her the appropriate words.

Prayer Request

- May the Lord give us a large and well-ventilated place for worship service.
- May the Lord save seekers (Mr. Chen Weiyi, Ms. Nami Ito) who are coming to our gatherings.
- May the Lord bring more Christians to our church.
- 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\$75,000 is needed in the fiscal year 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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