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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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For I know the plans I have for you, “declares the Lord,” plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

On June 27, Pastor Shimomura developed acute aortic dissection and was taken to the emergency room. Luckily, this happened during a pastoral meeting and many pastors prayed for him. The circle of prayer immediately spread throughout Japan. The Lord guided everything and miraculously saved Pastor’s life. Praise the Lord. It was a trial for TCC members, but we are grateful to have many churches praying for us during this difficult time. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you who have supported us faithfully, and we will keep you updated on the current situation.

More grace !

In the weeks following Pastor Shimomura's hospitalization, preachers from across Japan have come together to fill in during his absence. Ministry has extended beyond the walls of our local church, and God has provided in ways that we could never have imagined.

During the pastor's absence, the pastoral prayer was replaced by ' church prayer of everyone'. As we prayed together, I was reminded of last year's TCC Annual Scripture:



“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”(1 Corinthians 12:26)

Thankfully, Pastor Shimomura was able to return to our church services, beginning September 4th, and has even resumed giving pastoral prayers and benedictions. Pastor Shimomura endured major, life-threatening surgery, but a side effect was damage to his vocal cords. He has been recovering well but his voice has not returned to full strength. Please pray for Pastor Shimomura’s complete vocal cord recovery.

BBQ activity

On July 18th, 35 people gathered at the Shinkiba Park BBQ venue for a church fellowship. About 20% of the group were non-Christians. Everyone contributed their gifts, from boiling corn, patiently starting a fire, and seasoning yakisoba to catching bugs and playing with children. A family that I met in Aikido class also joined us and we had a lively discussion about raising children, saying, "You really don't understand boys, do you?" It was very encouraging that the church fellowship extended to people in the community and we were able to connect in a very natural way.



Prayer for Worship place

While waiting on God's guidance for a worship venue, we agreed to continue using the rented meeting room for the time being. Just as we were considering one particular location as the main venue, God clearly showed us that "this is not the place I am giving you." Though we feel like we are back to square one, we also feel that we are moving forward to a new phase. We will continue to use the Ginza Capital Hotel as the main venue, and pray for a more suitable location. Please pray for us to find a place where families in the Bay area can easily gather, and about 70 people can comfortably worship together, with a small room for the kid's ministry.



The Vine and the Branches



The past few months have been difficult, and we are grateful that we were able to take time to rest at Seisen-ryo, Yamanashi. During the train ride, there were many vineyards that we could see as we passed by, and I asked myself "what does it mean that we are connected to Jesus, who is the vine?" Pastor Shimomura recalled that while he was being transported by ambulance, "I wanted to ask Rev. Takahashi, who was riding with me, 'Please read Psalm 23,' but I couldn't speak because of the pain. He was with me, and I was able to meditate on the 23rd Psalm that I remembered."

Jesus is the one who never gives up on us. We will continue to trust the Lord. Thank you for your continued prayers.

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you." (John 15:4)



Financial support

US\$75,000 is needed in the fiscal year 2022, including rental fee for the worship venue. Please pray for God's provision. If you would like to support us either as a church or an individual, please proceed the transaction as per following bank account information.

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Bible Study & fellowship

- 『Sunday Worship Service 』 17:30~19:00
- 『ZOOM Evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting on every Wednesday』 20:00~21:30

Prayer Request

- Pray for the salvation of all who come to TCC.
- Pray for the Lord to bring more Christians to our church to worship HIM together.
- Pray to reach out to the people who are open to the gospel. If you have friends that you would like to introduce to us, please contact us by email : akiyashimomura328@gmail.com
- Please pray for Pastor Akiya & his wife Hataes' health and their relationship with the Lord.