



# Tokyo Central City Ministry

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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 commended you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

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*“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.” (Isaiah 60:1)*

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your faithful prayers and support for the Tokyo Central City Ministry. In the latter half of last year, Pastor Shimomura was absent from TCC as he dealt with some health issues, but through the ordeal, we were able to see the Lord at work and the church grow.

## Prayer for worship place

A general meeting of Tokyo Metropolitan Ministries was held on April 22, in regards to our future worship location. We have been looking for a rental property since last year, but have yet to find one within our budget. Even if we could cover the large security deposit for a tenant agreement, there is an inherent risk involved with taking on a substantial monthly rent with our current, recurring income.



For the time being, we intend to take full advantage of the time-rented space we currently have. We hope to work toward our vision through worship, sermons, and social gatherings so that a strong spiritual foundation can be established and we can grow effectively.



## Zoom Bible Study!

Our group that attends the weekly Zoom Bible Study has been studying through the KGK Christian Student Association booklet. Every week we have had challenging and thought provoking discussions. It has been a blessing that we have a space to deepen our relationships outside of just Sunday worship service.

## Worship Night !

This year, for the first time, Easter Worship Night was led entirely by musicians from TCC. In past years, we have needed the help of brothers and sisters, from other Evangelical Free Churches, in order to lead our Worship Night. This is another area that we have seen the Lord provide, and it was a joy to be able to worship together! The Lord is risen, indeed!

The next Worship Night will be held on July 23. On the national holiday(July 17) just before the Worship Night, we are planning to host a fellowship BBQ for our church members as well as anyone interested in getting to know TCC. Everyone is welcome to join, so if you have any non-Christian friends in the city center or know Christians who are not currently connected to a church, please let us know.



## Generational Discipleship

After service, the children are always excited to pass out snacks and be involved in our church community. Our hope is that these children will be connected to a church as they grow up and become the next generation of believers and leaders! Since most of the church staff are women but the children are all boys, we needed to figure out how to provide them with an example of what it looks like to grow into men of God. However, given the time restrictions on our worship space, we needed to make the most of the time with them during our children's worship time.

With these things in mind, we decided to invite a guest speaker to spend time in the Children's Service, once every two months, with the hope that it would be a good opportunity to have other Godly men invest in our kids. It is a chance for our kids to not only hear their testimonies, but to learn about what it was like for them as children and why they continue to come to church as adults.

Pastor Shimomura was our very first speaker, and even put his body on the line to connect with the kids! Thanks to your prayers, Pastor Shimomura is in good health!



## Financial support

US\$75,000 is needed in the fiscal year 2023, 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 use the following bank account information:

Bank Name : Mitsubishi UFJ Bank (Tachikawa Branch)

- Name of the recipient : Tokyo central city ministry Takahashi Hidenori
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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 salvation for those in the central Tokyo area.
- Pray for a permanent worship location for TCC.
- Pray for the growth of our church in numbers and spiritual depth.
- Pray for opportunities to reach out to people who are open to the gospel. If you have a friend that you want to introduce to us, please contact us by email: akiyashimomura328@gmail.com
- Please pray for Pastor Akiya & his wife Hatae's health and their relationship with the Lord.