



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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“Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.” (Acts 9:31)

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your faithful prayers and support for the Tokyo Central City Ministry. Although We had some trials, such as falling ill, it was also a half year when I realized that I was being led by the invisible God’s hand. With gratitude, I would like to report on my recent situation.

Welcomed Evangelical Free Church of America’ mission!



At the July 9 service, President Kevin Kompelien interceded the Word of God on "The Urgency of Missions". He encouraged us to share Jesus with each person next to us, not to do missions as if we were planning a business strategy, but to share Jesus with each person next to us. We live in a time when we do not know what will happen at any time. We were reminded not to regret not telling people about Jesus.

He also introduced his encounter with Rev. Calvin Hanson, and it was a blessing to hear how much he loved Japan.

At the time of the EFC 70th anniversary convention, the church was not even a shadow of its former self, but it was a church that was born in the heart of Tokyo. We were impressed by the fact that he asked the worship attendees, "How were you led to this church?"



Kid’s ministry growing!



“Terakoya” is held every Thursday. Our staff has grown to four members. In between studies, I read one story from "Thoughts to make your heart sing.101 devotions" (by Sally Lloyd Jones), which we also use in worship. "Have you ever had the thought that nothing in your life is going right?" All the elementary students nodded their heads broadly. The elementary school students all nodded their

heads broadly, "Things aren't always as they seem. Rather, God always has something big and good in mind." We read the words of Jeremiah 29:11 and prayed briefly. After the prayer, no one recently said, "Ramen!(noodle)"

Although it is only one hour a week, or 1/168th of a week, a total of 20 children have come to the “Terakoya” so far. We pray that the Lord will remember and protect these children who only have a chance to experience the Word of God here for the rest of their lives. We pray that one day they will remember the Lord.



The kids' ministry, which is held in the middle of the worship service, has recently seen an increase in the number of new child, and the baby dedication ceremony has been going on since spring due to the baby rush. Our prayer is how we can evolve as a church where families can gather more easily in the future. 'Please, Lord. Give us a room for mothers and children and a room for the classifieds!'

BBQ event in the extreme heat @ Shinkiba Park

On July 17, we held our annual BBQ event. This time, church members reached out to their friend families, and three new families joined us.

The bay area continues to see a rush of construction of tower condominiums. The former Olympic athletes' village will finally begin to be occupied next spring, and the population is expected to continue to grow.

We ask the Lord for wisdom.



In the midst of the ordeal...

We always bring in my worship items in my suitcase, but we forgot the power cord of the computer, which is also used for YouTube streaming, and in the middle of the service, there was 5% power left! The screen that was showing the worship lyrics turned all blue. Nevertheless, several of us shared what wisdom we could muster, and we were able to solve the problem.

Furthermore, in October, Mr. and Mrs. Shimomura were suddenly absent from the service due to Covid19. In the midst of the predicament of not being able to broadcast the video of the sermon, helpers appeared one after another, and the worship service was arranged with mutual help and unity.

One of the newcomers said, "Every time I come to the church, I feel at peace."

We ask for your continued prayers and support for our church and for the expansion of our ministry.

*"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish." They answered.
"Bring them here to me," Jesus said." (Matthew 14:17,18)*



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:

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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.