



# 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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***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” (Philippiant 4:6)***

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your faithful prayers and support for the Tokyo Central City Ministry. We are encouraged by this scripture and hope to build up my prayers even more in 2024. With gratitude, I would like to report on our recent situation.

## Arise, shine, for your light has come!



Last December, we offered a Christmas service at Ginza Capital Hotel. During the service, Kids praised the song "Glory in the Highest" (Church Gospel Hymn No. 215) and recited the scripture of the year 2023 (Isaiah 60:1-3) with great skill! They are also "parts of the body of Christ" (I Corinthians 12:27) who serve in the worship service.

In addition, there is a guest room in the condominium where the members live, and we rent it and held a Christmas party there. The availability of such a place is a unique resource in the city center. While praying for a place to worship for rent, we are doing the best we can right now. There are many cases where people are turned down just because they are a religious organization, and it is a hurdle when it comes to worship, but we are praying that we will meet with the best place in the Lord's leading. Please pray for wisdom to be given to our core members.



## The Lord watches over the foreigner...



On New Year's Eve, a baptismal service was held for a Chinese sister, Wang Ting. She came to Japan last summer with her only daughter from Vietnam for a new job. An American missionary working for a church in Hanoi, where she had been seeking for 5 years, saw our website and introduced TCC to her. Thankfully, she made a confession of faith at the "Monja Party" held after three years interval due to COVID-19. She said, "It was the best meal I've had in Japan." How hard and painful life in Japan had been. But in the midst of all that, the Lord touched her, and we worshiped His name.

## Pray for the city

We had a one-hour prayer walk. We prayed freely as we were shown things, people, and events that caught our eye. We are looking for a rental property and felt that the advice was right, saying that we should look at the whole town, not just the property. We will keep on doing this activity in 2024.

On the other hands, Tsukiji was a settlement where foreign missionaries were allowed to live 150 years ago, and the "Society to study about Settlements" researches its history and regularly publishes its findings. Through the introduction of the landlady of their home in Tsukishima, Pastor and his wife began to participate in the group. People who have been active in the Ginza area for a long time also participate. We hope we will have a good encounter with them. The venue is Tsukiji Catholic Church, with St. Luke's Tower in the background. Missionaries also loved this town and established schools and hospitals in the hope of saving the Japanese people. We are now in the midst of this history. We would be grateful if you could have a chance to visit us and join us to pray for our town.



## Second term!

Sister Natsumi Shoyama has been serving TCC as a trainee since last year. She was saved through missionaries at a church in Gifu, then led to a Japanese church in Sydney, but had to return home due to the COVID-19 in July 2020. When she returned to Japan, she was advised to gather in a church where you feel the need to build up the church, because when the church looks respectable, you may think as if your faith were respectable. Finally, she returned to Japan and was led to TCC, which we were just after the establishment only with a few people. She is now being used greatly as a worker to build up the church. Please pray that the needs of the new year will be met and the work will be celebrated.



## Financial support

US\$75,000 is needed in the fiscal year 2024, 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.

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