



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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“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

We are grateful for your prayers and support. Four months have passed since we moved to our new building, and our work rooted in the local community is continuing to grow. We would like to report on our recent activities with gratitude.

Dedication ceremony

On June 8th, a dedication ceremony was held at TCC and around 80 people who have supported us gathered. There were not enough chairs, and we could hardly move, but the sweets that were brought were very luxurious, and it became a time of blessing filled with joy.

By the end of June, the interior work was complete, and from September 8th, we began holding two services a day: the first service at 11:00 and the second at 17:30. The total expense of the interior work costed 780,000 yen, and the facilities and equipment (sound system, broadcasting equipment, chairs, desks, etc.) 1,750,000 yen. We were able to keep costs down considerably by using second-hand items introduced by Christians and churches those are supporting us.

In order to make full use of this location, we have installed a prominent sign on the street-facing window that says “Tsukishima Terakoya & Tokyo Center Church”, as well as a signboard with a cross design on the ground. We would like to invite you to come and visit the location, and we are all looking forward to seeing you.



Edo-Nihonbashi

The TCC members explained the history of Nihonbashi to us, and we all went for a walk around the area. Even though we live in Tokyo, there are still many things we don't know, and it was as if we

had become tourists ourselves. For lunch, we bought bento boxes from the basement of the Mitsukoshi department store in Nihonbashi and ate them at the church. It was also a joy to see how the gifts of each person were used, as some brothers invited three of their colleagues to join us.



TERAKOYA Now

In June, Mr. Wong, a trainee from Hong Kong, came to Japan for three weeks and served at TCC. He also taught English to the children at Terakoya. The lesson was to try saying numbers up to 20 in English, but the children were unusually proactive in their learning. At the end, he prayed for everyone, and I think it left a lasting impression on them.

From July, the Terakoya that had been held at the elementary school was moved to the church and renamed “Tsukishima Terakoya”. Recently, the children have become familiar with the church hall, and they are helping to paint the pastor's office, playing with toys and games before going home, and it is becoming their “place to be”. One of the mothers also gave us picture books and toys to use at the church. May God bless them.

Special Event



On August 18th, we welcomed Kaoru Inoue, the leader of Small Stone Ministry and a former yakuza, and his wife. He spoke with great conviction, saying, “There are many paths, but I was saved on this path, and I will only testify to the greatness and truth of the Lord,” and those who had come into contact with the gospel for the first time were in tears. We pray that the Lord will continue to raise up those who encounter and are saved by Him.

Financial support

US\$85,000 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 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.