



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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“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”
(John 13:34)

We are grateful for your prayers and support. We pray that the new year will be full of blessings for you. We hope to continue to trust in the Lord and serve with joy this year too. We would like to report on the blessings we received in the second half of last year.

This is the church!

Until now, we have been announcing our church activities on our website and through social networking services, but last year we were given a church building and our two morning and evening services got off the ground, so we created a church guide for the first time. It is a leaflet folded in one third A4 size. We were finally able to publish it on the fifth anniversary. We praise the Lord's name. We hope that many people will get to know our church in the future.



The church is on the third floor of a seven-story building, and on Wednesday night during Bible study, two ladies came to visit. We thought they had come to the wrong floor, but they were Christians who had come to see the church that had been set up here, after seeing the cross on the sign and the window. They are Chinese people who have lived in this area for a long time and are fluent in

Japanese, and they have continued to attend Wednesday night services and pray with us.

We hope that the church will continue to be noticed by people and open up to the local community.

Christmas joint service

We entered Advent, and everyone helped to decorate the church and looked forward to the birth of the Lord.

There was a lot going on at the first and second joint services on Christmas, and I wondered what would happen, but everyone served the Lord with the good things they could do, such as helping out with the kids, handing out name tags, taking lots of photos, and bringing in refreshments. It was a joyful Christmas, with the baptism of Mihoko Fujibayashi.



The first Nativity play was a joint performance by adults and children, and it was the first time for everyone to practice together on the day. However, we were all in tune with each other and were able

to perform very calmly. We were also praised by friends who were participating for the first time, who said things like “There was a sense of unity” and “It was a wonderful congregation,” and we praised the Lord's name.



Welcoming Christian Professionals

From the very beginning, we have always wanted to invite Christian professionals to respond to the needs of the local community. Last year, on the last Saturday of the summer holidays, the artist Tatsuo Inoue and his wife held an art event entitled “Let's make memories of summer using scrap wood”. They encouraged each child to give shape to their ideas, asking them “What would you like to make? As expected, cardboard was very popular, and some children made houses or the first car of the Yamanote Line.



We also welcomed Dr. Satoshi Tanaka, a child psychiatrist, at the end of November. It had been a vision of mine since I heard him speak at a Kanto West District Church School Teacher Training Meeting about 20 years ago.

We all looked at a map as we went around asking people to put up flyers at places like kindergartens, elementary schools, libraries and children's centers, and it was a time when we felt close to the local community once again.

On the day of the event, we had parents and children who we had met in the local community, as well as Christians who had heard about it through social networking sites, and the children's corner was packed. However, the teacher gave us a happy comment, saying, “It's good to have children on the same floor. The audience was wonderful, and it was a lecture that raised each other's Being.” He answered the questions from the mothers even after the time was extended, and it became a meeting that was used by the Lord. We thank you for your prayers. ‘The standard of Being can only be maintained by Being valued by someone else. Raising the standard of Being by one's own strength will only lead to 'self-satisfaction!'.’ We hope that the church community will be used by the Lord more and more.

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.