



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 commanded you.

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

(Matthew 28:19-20)

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“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” (Mark 16:15)

We are grateful for your prayers and support. The Lord blessed us with a worship venue, and the members have changed significantly over the past six months. After worship, people chat in not only Japanese, but also Chinese and English. When we first started, Chuo Ward was not an area with many foreigners, so I am amazed at God's plan. I would like to report on the following recent developments.

Praise the Lord ! Laying of Hands Ceremony



On May 24, the ordination ceremony for Pastor Shimomura was held. Three years ago, he fell seriously ill, but his life was spared, and we are deeply grateful to have been able to reach this day. Pastor Mitsuhashi from Koshigaya Church shared a message from Exodus 3. The light refreshments prepared by the ladies were very well received, and we shared a joyful time with everyone who gathered



Get your mind and body in shape!

On June 8, we hosted a “Spinal Conditioning Experience Class” led by Hesu Akemi from the Swiss Japanese Gospel Christian Church. Hatae Shimomura, who has been taking online lessons for about two years, no longer needs to visit an osteopathy clinic, so the effectiveness is proven. We worried if many people would gather during the time between the first and second services. However many people who are suffering from invisible pain came, and the room was so crowded that we couldn't even lay out all the mats. Many participants were first-time visitors to the church, and Pastor Shimomura and Akemi shared their personal stories of how they were led to the church, using the opportunity to testify to the wonderfulness of the Lord.



Parenting Support – Round 2



On July 11, we invited Ms. Rieko Ando, Principal of Tamagawa Seigakuin Academy, to give a workshop titled “Supporting Children in Their Adolescent Years” at the Kanto South Region Joint Women's Group. For Ms. Ando, it was also a time to reunite with her former students.

In this age of information overload through the internet, “You are God's masterpiece, not a failure,” “God has given you a role to play,” and “It is very important today to speak about the true meaning of death in conjunction with the work of the Lord.” The content was so thought-provoking that we wish there had been more time to listen. For this workshop, we also announced the event on social media, and despite it being on a weekday, many parents from nearby areas attended. Sisters in Christ came from different churches gathered to share their experiences, and the Q&A session was very meaningful. We are deeply grateful that the pastors were able to fellowship in the newly renovated kids' room with a window-mounted air conditioner, and that the sanctuary could be used for purposes besides worship.

Welcome to Japan !



Since May, a Hong Kong-Canadian missionary couple, Hui, has joined our ministry. After working in the IT industry, they dedicated their lives to full-time ministry. Having been pastoring for 16 years in Vancouver, they were led by the Lord to Japan. God provided them a home in Kachidoki, and they are already actively involved in various ministries, including preaching, music, and an English small group. The church has many energetic young boys, and they always play with them, which is a great help. They will also attend the Asia Conference in November, so please look forward to getting to know

them.

Financial support

US\$85,000 is needed in the fiscal year 2025, including the 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 Requests

- Pray for the salvation of those in the central Tokyo area.
- Pray for the growth of our church in numbers and in 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 the health of Pastor Shimomura & his wife Hatae, as well as their relationships with the Lord.