



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, NIV)

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“The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (JOHN 1:5)

We are grateful for your prayers and support. It was our second Christmas since worshipping at the current venue. We all did our best to decorate it, making sure it was clearly visible from the sidewalk at night. Some people picked up the flyers from the outdoor sign, but few have actually come inside the church. Still, we pray that someday they will meet the Lord. I would like to report on the following recent developments.



Chinese Instruments Chapel Concert

A longtime friend approached us, saying, “I’m practicing (Chinese instruments) diligently, but have no place to perform. Could we borrow the church?” This led to a joint event with the church. On Sunday, November 23rd, at 2:30 PM, fourteen musicians performed beautifully on instruments like the erhu, flute, guzheng, and yangqin. We were especially grateful that some members joined us for the morning worship service. We welcomed nearly 60 guests. With the ensemble members and church members working together with one heart, the Lord made this concert even more blessed.

After Pastor Shimomura shared a brief Christmas message, everyone sang “O Holy Night.” While most were visiting the church for the first time, we were able to distribute church information and tracts. We pray that they may connect with the church someday.



Christmas Special 2025

The Christmas joint worship service was well-attended by local families, and the Nativity play, love feast, and game tournament were all very lively. The AI-powered games were quite impressive. While we welcomed familiar faces back, new faces joined us for the first time. Some brothers and sisters have grown distant, and we pray they will return to the community soon.

On Wednesday evening, December 24th, we held our first-ever caroling event. We asked the Tsukishima Salvation Army, which is well-known for her community potluck events, to learn their years of expertise. After checking with the police, we held it on the sidewalk near the entrance to Monja Street. The rain we were worried about stopped just in time, and some passersby did stop by and listened to our songs!

After singing praises, we returned to the church to enjoy sweet red bean soup, making it a Holy Night that warmed both bodies and souls. May the Gospel reach this land.



Testimony

Last fall, we listened to the testimony from a family from China who have been attending TCC worship services. Shandong Province was once a base for missionary work, where the Bible was first printed, and seeds were sown. Hearing that it eventually bore many fruits and Christians are now growing and spreading there, we praised His name. (The darker the color on the map, the higher the Christian population density.)

“Japan has so much freedom, yet it's truly puzzling why the number of Christians isn't growing,” they said. It was a profound question.

Despite facing many challenges—language barriers, their son's education, and other hardships—their testimony overflowed with peace and trust in the Lord, declaring, “The Lord led us here (to Tokyo)!” It felt like my eyes were opened.



Financial support

US\$85,000 is needed in the fiscal year 2026, 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.