

For over twenty years the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:36 inspired me: **“I was in prison and you visited Me.”** I’m so thankful that the high security prison in Hualien allows me to teach an English Bible Class there twice a week. My continuous prayer is that God would fill the classroom with His Spirit, touching and changing lives.



Sister Monika Gottschild

The prisoners look forward to class because here they are not just a number, here no one despises them, here they are accepted for who they are. In class they are allowed to ask questions, share sorrows and voice concerns. Through His Word they learn to trust and love God and to believe in the power of prayer. Several times they even asked for permission from the officials to introduce me to other inmates who needed prayer. Recently it was a young man who

had just been diagnosed with brain cancer. How heavy his heart, yet how encouraged he was to see the faith of his friends in the Bible Class!

Lawrence recently shared, “Before coming to this Bible Class, I thought I had lost everything and life was not worth living. I was so depressed,

I actually looked for an opportunity to end my life. Attending Bible Class changed me and gave me new hope. Now, I love to sing the song *The Greatest Thing in All My Life Is Knowing You*, because this has become reality for me.”

Prison ministry doesn’t end when inmates are released. Actually, that is when they need our prayers most. It is difficult to adjust again to society, find a job and be accepted. Even churches have a hard time welcoming former prisoners into fellowship, failing to give them a chance to grow their faith. Jack, a former prisoner visiting us, shared, “I need the church, the songs we sang in prison and Christian friends to support me; otherwise the road back to confinement is short.” Praise the Lord! Jack has found an open, loving, caring and accepting church.

Thank you for your support for this ministry, dear friends! Do pray that many would open their hearts to the Gospel and grow in faith, both in prison and after their release!

Sister Monika Gottschild, senior missionary of 27 years, serves the residents and staff of “Bethesda”- Home for Challenged Children and Adults, in Hualien, Taiwan. Also reaching out to inmates at a local prison, she has a heart for those who have no voice in society.



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“What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

Dear friends of *Liberty Corner Mission*,



In Luke 18:27, Jesus gave this reply to the group gathered, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.” This verse was quoted in a mission magazine of a beloved mission organization working in India. Can we trust God to prove Himself to be the God of the impossible as **Liberty Corner Mission USA** enters a new and challenging era of its existence? He has proven Himself over and over in the history of LCM. He did so as we supported the Blind School in China during the difficult WWII years, and also presently, in the support of the Home for severely challenged children and adults in Taiwan. He is doing so in its ministry of planting churches in Japan and Taiwan. Salvation and Hope have come to lives overwhelmed with hopelessness and despair. Indeed, “what is impossible with men is possible with God.”

With its incorporation late last year, 2015 began a new phase of **Liberty Corner Mission USA**. We are now our own entity, partnering together with **Liberty Corner Mission CANADA** to accomplish His purposes in Japan and Taiwan. What is it that seems impossible in the weeks, months and years to come? Is it not attaining the vision of planting Bible-believing churches in Japan, a land heavily entrenched in Buddhism and Shintoism, with less than 1% Christian? Is it not the “impossibility” of raising support and nurturing indigenous Chinese and Japanese church-planters, who without the barriers of language and culture are able to reach their own people? Is it not the “impossibility” of recruiting much needed missionaries from the USA and Canada for the Lord’s service cross-culturally?

Let us move forward taking God at His Word and trusting Him to do the impossible!

Sincerely in Christ,
Norman Dietsch



Pastor Norman Dietsch joined the leadership of Liberty Corner Mission in 2008. As missionaries, he and his wife Hilda served with Liebenzell Mission in Papua New Guinea 1951~1972 and as Director of Liebenzell USA 1972~1985. He is now President of the Board for Liberty Corner Mission USA.

Liberty Corner Mission USA / Liberty Corner Mission Canada serve in Taiwan and Japan, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, holding high the Cross, making disciples and planting churches, that God might be glorified among the nations.

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Japan



Sister Edeltraud Kessler

**Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?
You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness
surrounds you.**

Psalm 89:8

For many years, we Sisters and other concerned Christians have been praying for Sister Renate Mochizuki's younger sister, Tazuko Yamane. She had been an active member in the "Unification Church", the cult founded by Sun Myung Moon of Korea.

During a mass wedding, she was assigned to marry a Japanese man also from that group. One son and two daughters were born to them, none of whom continues in this cult. Members of the "Unification Church" are taught to believe that Sun Myung Moon is the Messiah, fulfilling the promise of Christ's return to earth. This self-proclaimed "Messiah" plays the role of an independent ruler who can do anything he wishes, declaring it as the will of God, with no one daring to doubt or criticize him. Even though Mr. Moon died in 2012, the movement still has 3 million followers in approximately two hundred countries, with many active missionaries exercising power over the followers.

A few years ago, while employed by the city council of a large town in central Japan, Mrs. Yamane was so busy with her work that she had no time to attend the meetings of this Moon cult. It was during this season of her life, that God was able to speak to her heart and minister to her needs. Together with her Christian mother, she attended services at an evangelical church that preached the Gospel of Jesus. We praise the Lord that she came to true faith in Jesus as Messiah, Savior, and Lord!

Because she knew that our Sisterhood at Bethel, as well as many prayer warriors here in Kobe, had earnestly interceded for her salvation, her desire was to be baptized at our church in Bethel. Her testimony on July 12, 2015 touched the hearts of the congregation, as she followed the Lord in baptism. Since then, her faith has been sorely tested by the diagnosis of breast cancer, and she is now receiving chemotherapy. Her confidence is in God's faithfulness, as expressed in Psalm 89. Her desire is to be a witness for Christ, whom she trusts for healing. 🙏

Sister Edeltraud Kessler, veteran missionary of 43 years, ministers at the Japanese Motherhouse "Bethel" in Kobe. Presently there are seven Japanese Sisters serving together with Sister Edeltraud.



Taiwan

Mrs. Mei-Jen Jong made a commitment to the Lord about 14 years ago. Not long afterward she dropped out of church and practically speaking, fell away from the Lord. Through Theresa, a contact at our church, Mrs. Jong occasionally attended a few special events, but never once attended Sunday morning worship service.



Karl and Kathy Schulz

About 3 years ago, Theresa began to tutor Mrs. Jong's two children in English, and through those weekly sessions, she once again had some contact with Christians. The English lessons came to an end, but not long after that Mrs. Jong discovered that she had cancer. Theresa began visiting Mrs. Jong regularly for several months. After many surgical procedures, chemotherapy followed. About that time, several people from our church visited Mrs. Jong at her home. That evening she announced that she had lived her own life for 13 years, but now she would live for God. After a difficult few months of chemotherapy the cancer was in remission. Mrs. Jong is physically active, and living for the Lord! She volunteers at a hospital where she helps other cancer patients. She regularly attends worship service, serving as an usher. She's involved in the lives of others and reaches people with the Gospel. It is a beautiful thing to behold!

Mrs. Jong's own family has been not so accepting of her newly found faith. When her mother-in-law recently died, this was especially a point of conflict. Mrs. Jong was the only one who was not on her knees, the sign of attempting to communicate with the dead, during the funeral service. We can only admire Mrs. Jong for her bravery in the face of much pressure from her relatives to comply with this long-standing tradition. Bold actions in the face of opposition give testimony to what one truly believes. Mrs. Jong's life shows us that she is a true believer and a child of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 🙏



Karl and Kathy Schulz, in Taiwan since 1993, serve in Taoyuan, near Taipei. Karl is a church planter and Field Leader of LCM Taiwan. Karl and Kathy have three children, Aurora and Ben in Taiwan, and David is studying in the USA.

Japan

**Therefore encourage one another
and build up one another,
just as you also are doing.**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NASB

For the passed five years, Yamanomachi Church has participated in the annual church camp organized by Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church at our Bible Camp in Karuizawa. Despite the 10-hour drive from Kobe, our members do so enjoy this opportunity. These four-day gatherings have nurtured strong friendships between pastors and members from congregations in Kobe, Awara, and Tokyo.



siblings to go. And so it happened.

We knew that this annual church camp provides an amazing opportunity to share the love of Christ with newcomers. The guest speaker presented the message in such a way that everyone could follow. With humor and deep spiritual insight, he soon won our hearts. During meals and fellowship times, our group mingled with the other fifty people attending and we enjoyed one another.

For the last two years, Yamanomachi Church has been a supporter of the young church plant in Awara. While this relationship originated years ago at camp, it was fostered by our desire to encourage this new Awara ministry. For example, a small delegation was sent to Awara this July to celebrate the baptism of Pastor Miura's father. Reversely, Pastor Tanaka helped Shoko in Kobe for a few days this summer, while I, Andy, was on deputation in Germany. God is showing us more ways of how to develop this spiritual bond between our churches. It has opened our perspective of Christian ministry in Japan and encouraged us to pray for one another.

Thank you very much for your prayers and donations. We are grateful to God and to you for your encouragement also! 🙏

Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer have been serving at Yamanomachi Christian Church in northern Kobe since April 2009. How wonderful to discover the joy afforded by the communion of saints!



Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer