

60 years BETHESDA !

Thankfulness and joy still fill our hearts as we recall the 60th Anniversary celebration of *Bethesda ~ Home for Challenged Children and Adults* on April 24th. It was a celebration honoring our faithful God. Many of our guests told us they could feel the presence of the Lord Jesus among us. Yes, He has been with us in *Bethesda* for 60 years!



Sister Monika Gottschild

There were congratulatory greetings from government representatives, our mission directors, board members, parents of the children, volunteers and staff. Former residents, who had grown up in *Bethesda* over thirty years ago and now have found their place in society and in their respective churches, gathered together to present us with songs and testimonies. Our Christian staff, which represents Taiwanese, Chinese and Aboriginal cultures, sang and danced in their traditional garb. Our precious children prepared a song, "A Heart Full of Thankfulness". On paper hearts that they wore, these words were written: "Thank you for loving us and giving us a home!" The highlight of the anniversary



was the baptism of five adult residents, which is the fruit of our ministry in *Bethesda*. We pray that these young people will grow in their faith and be a blessing to many, in spite of their many challenges!

Today I express my thanks to you all, in the name of the *Bethesda* family, for your prayer for our Home and for each who lives and works here. For the generous gifts we received from you, our faithful friends, I also thank you today. The greatest gift of all is to know this truth:



Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8 NIV

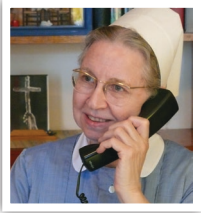
Sister Monika Gottschild, veteran missionary of 23 years, serves the residents and staff of "*Bethesda*"- *Home for Challenged Children and Adults*, in Hualien. For more information regarding our sponsorship program of these residents in *Bethesda*, do ask to receive our "HeartBeat" flyer.

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HIGH AND LIFTED UP

Dear faithful friends,

Our **CROSSroads 2015** Mission Emphasis Weekend on **September 18~20** is coming up soon! For this conference we anticipate God's rich blessing. Pastor Steve Nash of Christian Community Chapel in Hillsborough, NJ, will be our keynote speaker and we expect God to speak to us all weekend under the theme **HIGH AND LIFTED UP**. Pastor Steve has led many mission trips to preach the Gospel and bring aid to India and Central America. Our faith will surely be challenged, and our burden for the lost will be renewed. Missionary presenters will include Karl & Kathy Schulz (Taiwan), Sister Monika Gottschild (Taiwan), Kazue Tanaka (Japan), Dale Belli (NYC), and Frank & Joan Testa (Kenya). Do mark your calendars and plan to join us for this stirring conference!



God is blessing each effort of *Liberty Corner Mission* in Taiwan and Japan, as our missionaries labor fervently to introduce people to Jesus and lead them in growth and discipleship. Please do not become weary as you pray for these laborers, as theirs may be the only witness some people will ever receive. And today I want to specifically thank you for your prayer, as well as the support you have sent, on behalf of LCM this past quarter. Please know that you are making the difference in many lives!



Sister Maria
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Director of *Liberty Corner Mission*



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Japan



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For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Colossians 1:9 & 13 (NIV)

Foreigners often ask, "Is Japan a Buddhist country or Shinto?" "Are there many Buddhists?" Answering these questions is difficult since most Japanese are not true believers, though Buddhism, Shintoism, and Animism have deeply

taken root in our daily lives. These religions form our culture, traditions, mannerisms, and even common sense, and are the foundation of being a good Japanese. Without being influenced by these religions it is very difficult to live in Japan. This creates strongholds in people's hearts, because they are not conscious of formally practicing a religion and yet are strongly captured by spirits that lead them away from our true God.

For example, there are many ceremonial rites and traditional festivals inherent to Japanese religions. Today I'd like to introduce four key ceremonies regarding children:

Miyamairi = a newborn's first visit to the shrine About 30 days after a child is born, parents and grandparents bring their baby to the Shinto shrine for blessing. Traditionally this is necessary to become a member of society.

Hinamatsuri = doll festival for girls March 3rd marks the occasion to pray for young girls' growth and happiness. Most homes with daughters display special dolls representing the Imperial Family.

Kodomonohi = Children's Day honoring all children, but especially boys Originally, May 5th is boy's festival, celebrating boys' growth and waxing strength. Now it has become a day to commemorate children in general.

Shichi-Go-San = festival for children three-, five- and seven-years old On November 15th, prayers are offered at Shinto shrines for children these ages. Odd numbers are favorable in Japan, therefore these odd-numbered years of a child's life are celebrated.

Traditionally, non-Christians bring their children to shrines on such occasions. What should Christian parents do, if non-Christian grandparents insist on taking their grandchildren to the shrine?

Christians take this opportunity to witness for Jesus! To facilitate a Christian alternative, we open our church to them all, entreating the blessing from our Creator God. On such occasions, many unsaved relatives of our Christians come to church for the very first time. Do pray for this witness! And thank you for your gifts and believing prayer!

Fran Ueda has served under LCM in Tokyo since 1981, becoming a missionary of LCM in April 2010. She is the senior pastor of Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church and Director of LCM Japan.



Taiwan

What joy to finally plant my feet on this mission field of Taiwan! I arrived in Taipei in early February and five months have already passed! Slowly I'm getting acquainted with the students from the dorm, as well as the people from the church that meets in this same building.

We currently have nine resident students living on the 5th floor, one of which will graduate this month. Before leaving us to continue her career, I pray that she will come to know Jesus. The good news is that she did accept my invitation to have a graduation dinner with me. I am grateful that God opened her heart to allow me this private time with her. I look forward to the opportunity of sharing the Gospel with her.

Praise the Lord that I can take part in His work and share in His glory! Recently I had the chance of sitting down and talking to a woman who was in desperate need of the Gospel. She was deeply depressed and most anxious, as her marriage and her family were falling apart. She was contemplating suicide and our meeting that day was her last chance to make an attempt at life. Our pastor's wife and I prayed for her and fed her God's living Word. After two hours of fighting this spiritual battle, through the light of the Holy Spirit working within her, she was convicted of her sinful living, which had caused all her trouble and pain. She then repented of her wrong attitude and actions toward her husband and son. Her deep depression was turned into great joy! She went home to apologized to her husband. He was shocked by this dramatic change in her attitude, but his heart was softened by her good deeds. The husband said to his wife: Let's go and share our happiness and victory with those who are suffering from the similar experiences.

Thank you, dear friends and family, for your faithful prayer and loving gifts! May God reward you for your good deeds as you bless others.

Emily Chao, a 2014 graduate of Fellowship Bible Institute, lives in our six-story church building in Taipei. Her ministry includes working among female students living in a dormitory there, as well as helping in some of the church ministries. We trust God to open many doors of opportunity to make Christ known.



Emily Chao

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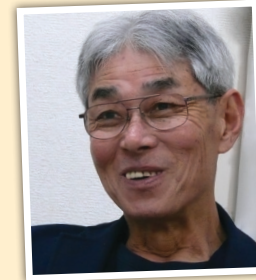
Japan

Praise the Lord! Through your faithful prayer and support the Lord is blessing His witness here in Awara, Fukui Prefecture!

Today I rejoice to tell you the good news of what the Lord has done. My father has been converted to Christ! He believed in Jesus and has accepted Him into his heart as Savior!

Since starting our church plant in my hometown, my dad often helped us with repairs and the renovation of the rented room we use as church. This labor was not, however, a result of his faith in Christ. Though he regularly attended our Sunday worship services since our inception last year, and actually seemed to enjoy the Word as historical knowledge, there was no association with his own life.

My father met many Christians who visited us throughout the year. After my mother became a believer, he gradually started to acknowledge the living God, but somehow he could not take the next step. There were occasions when we clearly talked about faith, but he could not make a clear decision. I therefore stopped asking him directly, but entrusted him to God.



One day he came home from work with a serious look on his face and said, "I have something to tell you. I want to trust God with the rest of my life." I asked my father, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He clearly answered, "Yes, I believe in Him." After praying together, he seemed so refreshed and his face was radiant.

He studied and prepared for his baptism on July 5th. He realized that unknowingly he had worshiped idols. He had built a Shinto house altar and had gotten amulets from the shrine. He decided to rid his life of all these idols and destroy them. The more he trusted God, the greater his joy and the deeper his peace became. I thank the Lord for the Spirit's guidance and conviction in my father. I also thank you for your prayers for my parents and the ministry in Awara. Please do continue!

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

John 6:37



Rie Miura lives in Fukui Prefecture, a five-hour trip by train from Tokyo. While praying that a church planter would be sent to her rural hometown, God called Rie to do that very task! After five years of training, she and her co-worker, Kazue Tanaka, are now back in Arawa building His Church.



Rie Miura