

Bethesda ~ Home for Challenged Children and Adults is blessed with co-workers who are Christians, but not all of them come from Christian families. God is nevertheless at work. Our Vice Principal, Mrs. Dai Meng Zhen can testify to this.



Ruth Estell

For many years Dai Meng Zhen, along with her husband and their three children, have been praying for the salvation of her husband's parents. Earlier this year, the two households traded apartments. As Dai Meng Zhen helped her family to settle into their new home, they were faced with a problem. Standing in one corner of the living room was the family god-shelf. Miraculously, the parents gave their permission for the god-shelf to be removed from their former apartment. In August, a group from church went to their home, broke it apart and disposed of it. The weeks following this were not easy. The parents feared retaliation from the gods. Dai Meng Zhen prayed that nothing bad would happen which would "prove" the gods were angry.

God was still at work. After this, the mother unexpectedly decided she wanted to go to church. Then she agreed to attend one of the extra classes at church. Amazed by all of this, Dai Meng Zhen and her family continued to pray. On October 27th, two church staff members went to the hospital to visit the father, whose health was failing.



Previously, he had refused to let people pray for him. On this day, however, he not only agreed to let them pray, but he also expressed faith in Christ and asked to be baptized. By that time, the mother had also

made her decision to accept Christ. Both parents were baptized in the hospital room on October 30th. Five days later, the father went to be with his Lord. Dai Meng Zhen and her family are still grieving his death, but they are so thankful that before his passing, both parents had received salvation.

How I praise God that He is at work in the lives of our co-workers and their families. And I thank Him for people like you, who so faithfully remember us in prayer. God hears your prayers and is working in mighty ways! Please continue!

Ruth Estell, an American MK, now serves in her hometown of Hualien, Taiwan to nurture, lead and spiritually teach the special needs children in Bethesda ~ Home for Challenged Children and Adults.



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Dear Friends of LCM,

On May 13, 1935, Liberty Corner Mission was initially established as *The US Branch of the International Yunnan Mission*, operating under the auspices of *China Inland Mission*. At first, our donors sponsored blind children in China, during WWII helped support missionaries sent to Yunnan

by *Fellowship Deaconry* in Germany, and after the Communist takeover in China, fully supported the missionaries who fled to Japan and Taiwan. *Liberty Corner Mission* has been the effective foreign mission arm of *Fellowship Deaconry Ministries*, sending both personnel and funding, fueled by passion and prayer, to Asia. Only God knows how many souls were saved and nurtured in China, Taiwan and Japan through LCM, and He alone will receive the glory!

Now, after almost 60 years of mission history, we are happy to announce the formation of the new incorporation of *Liberty Corner Mission USA*, independent of *Fellowship Deaconry Ministries* and *Marburger Mission*, as well as the new incorporation of *Liberty Corner Mission Canada*. These courageous steps are taken to enhance our various ministries, to expand our borders, to open up new areas of service, but by no means to restrain all cooperative efforts. These new beginnings will officially take effect on January 1, 2015, and we covet your prayer and support more than ever. *Liberty Corner Mission USA* and *Liberty Corner Mission Canada* are no longer standing under the umbrella of their parent organizations, but with the Almighty God and with you, the constituents of LCM, we look to the future with confidence.

Yes, without you, dear friends, none of this history or anything done for Christ in the future could ever be possible. On behalf of *LCM USA* and *LCM Canada* and in the name of Jesus, we want to express to each of you our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks. May the Lord Himself minister and bless you throughout the new year.

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

Sister Maria Baha

Director of Liberty Corner Mission



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.

Japan



Andy & Shoko Pfeiffer

In addition to inviting children, we also invited adults to our Summer Festival and Christmas celebrations. Sadly, no adult has ever come through these efforts. We know if they come just once, it would be much easier for them to come the next time. So, how do we bring people into the church? How can we show them Jesus' love?

Our members suggested a new approach: an art gallery! We have two very gifted artists among us. Mrs. H draws beautiful still lifes, and Mr. A is passionate about woodwork, and creates gorgeous lamps, vases, and figures. Both artists are quite popular, so they mailed out over 100 invitations to their friends, and to our neighbors as well.



For this occasion our church was turned into a gallery with newly painted walls and bright hanging lamps. We prayed that our visitors would stay for a time of refreshments and fellowship. For weeks our members were in prayer for this endeavor.

To our great joy, 151 visitors came to our gallery during the three-day event!

Many traveled far to come, but about fifteen from our neighborhood also came. It was the first time any of them had entered our building. Will they return? We sensed that their first impression was a good one, and we did try to show them Jesus' love.

Do pray that these first-time visitors will be encouraged to join us again when we send out the next invitation at Christmas. We are no longer total strangers to one another. Dear friends, we thank you for your prayers, gifts and encouragement. We will not give up on our neighborhood, because Jesus does not give up on us!

Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer have been serving at Yamanomachi Christian Church in northern Kobe since April 2009. As you can see in their report, in order to evangelize and disciple believers in Japan, solid contacts must be forged.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

Over the past five years we've distributed large numbers of flyers in our whole neighborhood, but with few results. We've invited them using beautiful pamphlets.

Taiwan

Please pray for Mr. Du, a former member of the Taiwan military's Special Forces whom we have known for about a year. Since leaving the service several years ago, he has been working as a security guard. His long-term goal is to become a civil servant and work as a prison guard. In Taiwan, prison guards need to pass a difficult government exam, and many applicants have to repeat the test several times before they pass it. Mr. Du came to faith late last year and was baptized on April 6, 2014. I have been meeting with him man-to-man for Bible study and counseling.

Because of his work schedule, he is usually not able to attend Sunday morning worship, but he was there on October 5th. During the service he sensed that God was speaking to him, telling him that he was going to be His witness in prison and not to lose heart because of the difficult exam. The voice was so real, he thought that someone was speaking audibly to him; but it wasn't a human voice. He wrote down what he had heard and later related this experience to me. Rejoicing that God had spoken so clearly to him, I asked him for permission to incorporate his testimony into an upcoming sermon. Gladly he agreed, and on October 19th I shared how God had guided Mr. Du in his life.



That very evening, some church members heard the news that Mr. Du had been in a

nearly fatal motorbike accident just two days

earlier. When we visited him, he was still unconscious, the result of head injuries. A week later he regained consciousness, and spent another week in ICU. Now in a standard hospital room, he is able to move and speak, though his speech is somewhat scrambled. He is constantly talking about God. Although Mr. Du's mind is often not clear about recent events, he is sure about who he is in the Lord.

I believe the Lord is already being glorified through the life of Mr. Du. Please stand with us in prayer till we see his health restored and God's purposes for him fulfilled. Your believing prayer and faithful support...who can measure its harvest? Thank you!

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.



Karl & Kathy Schulz

Japan

Our Joy Continues...

All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understand God's grace in all its truth.

Colossians 1:6



Fran Ueda

Kei accepted Jesus as Savior while in nursing school, after hearing the Word at the beginning of our church-plant in Tokyo. She was one of the two first believers to be baptized in our church in 1983. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Toshi Otaki, came to church, was saved, baptized, and later became her husband. God gave them two adorable daughters. Ten years later, Toshi received the call to be a pastor. Toshi and Kei serve together with me in Tokyo.

Recently their daughters gave beautiful testimonies in our worship service, confirming their faith in Christ. Aki, now 22 years old, told us how she had rebelled as a teenager and turned away from the Lord. While in high school she became so seriously ill that she was unable to attend school for several semesters. She recovered, and even after entering the university of her choice, she was still not grateful to the Lord. At university she met people with diverse values and lifestyles, and began to seriously question her own goals in life. Aki's heart became tender, she repented of her willful disobedience, and made a commitment to love and follow the Lord.



Aki's younger sister, Miki, recently graduated from nursing school. During her clinical training, she faced many sorrows. Some critically ill patients vented their anger and bitterness on her. One distraught patient refused her care completely. Her heart was broken. Miki thought she was a failure and could never become a nurse. Then the Lord spoke to her through Psalm 37:23 (NIRV), **"If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm."** She knew she desperately needed someone to carry her through the trials of life, and chose to follow Jesus as her Savior and Sustainer.

Years ago when Aki and Miki were born, we as a church family rejoiced. Now our joy continues and deepens, and God is glorified! Thank you for your part in making this possible through your prayer and support!

Pastor Fran Ueda has served with LCM in Tokyo since 1981. As Senior Pastor of Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church in Tokyo, she also leads the development of a new strategic cooperation between LCM and indigenous church planters, establishing Liberty Corner Mission Japan.