

Taiwan

I was born in Taiwan. For more than 20 years I have lived in the United States where I have had many opportunities to hear the Gospel. At first, I did not think of it as “good news” and I ignored the message. I was like many spiritually blind people and did not care to hear that I was a sinner and needed to repent. Finally, I gave up struggling to find purpose in my life and surrendered my life to Christ. How I regret that I did not get to know Jesus Christ as Savior sooner! If I had, life would not have been so lonely, empty and meaningless.



Emily Chao,
Candidate for Taiwan

Thanks be to my Savior for searching for me and bringing me, a lost sheep, into His fold. I accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord and was baptized in 2007. How grateful I am to Him for revealing Himself to me in His Word and for doing many miracles in my life.

I know for sure He is a living God because He hears and answers prayers. He is both just and loving. I served the world before I came to know Jesus. *Now I want to serve Him because I know it is a great honor to serve the King of kings and the Lord of lords.* I know my reward from Him in Heaven will be great and beyond my imagination.

The world is changing and so should our strategy for mission. I am going back to Taiwan simply because it is where I came from and would face fewer challenges (getting to know the cultural, language, people, the food, etc.) than a foreign worker would. Most importantly, God has called me and opened the door for me.

I do hope that you will be a part of our mission work in Taiwan through your prayers and financial support. As partners in this ministry, God will surely lead us to make Jesus known among the masses in Taiwan. And knowing Jesus will transform their lives. May our Heavenly Father do miracles in your life as you faithfully pray and generously give to His work, for His glory. 

Emily Chao, a 2014 graduate of the Chinese Fellowship Bible Institute, is preparing to leave for Taiwan in early 2015. Her ministry will begin among female students living in a dormitory in Taipei operated by LCM, and we trust God to open many doors of opportunity to make Christ known.



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Faithful Partners,

The story is told of a businessman who was fishing in a lake and caught a strange fish. The fish was a brilliant blue and glimmered in the sunlight as it thrashed about in the boat.

Suddenly the fish spoke to the man. “Please throw me back into the lake,” begged the fish, “and I’ll grant you three wishes.” The businessman thought and said, “Make it five and we’ve got a deal.” “I can only grant three,” gasped the fish. “Four and a half,” the man suggested. “Three,” the fish replied faintly. “Okay, we’ll compromise on four wishes,” the businessman conceded. The fish did not reply. It lay dead in the bottom of the boat.

There will come a time when it is too late. Too late to bring the truth of salvation to millions who have never once heard the clear message of God’s love for them. Too late to tell them of Jesus’ atoning death for all people, and of the peace and joy that come with believing in Him. Too late to go, too late to send missionaries, too late to print Bibles. One day it will be too late.

Dear friends and partners in this great commission Christ entrusted to us, let us labor *today* while we still have time. Let us remember Christ’s words as He said in John 9:4,

“The night is coming when no one can work.”

Let us not make excuses or try to cut a good deal, but simply obey His Word and offer salvation to the ends of the earth, *while we still have time.*

Only Eternity will prove what your gift to LCM has done to save lost souls in Japan and Taiwan. We heartily thank you for your partnership.

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

Sister Maria Baha

Director of Liberty Corner Mission



Liberty Corner Mission, established in 1935, is the foreign mission arm of Fellowship Deaconry Ministries, Liberty Corner, New Jersey. Now serving in Taiwan and Japan, we preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, hold high the Cross, make disciples and plant churches, that God might be glorified among the nations.

Japan



Sister Edeltraud Kessler

experienced since childhood. Sister Gudrun called it **God's great mercy** that He had forgiven her sins and she had received His call into full-time service after being touched by the Lord's words in Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters..." Because His mercies are never-ending, she wanted not only to pour her life into the work of God's Kingdom, but also to experience His grace in all its depth and to live all her days in constant gratitude to the Lord. God granted her this wish. In 2012, we Sisters were able to celebrate her 50th Anniversary in His service, together with Sister Gudrun's relatives.

Since January 1, 2006, she always needed the aid of oxygen for her breathing needs. Few people realized how difficult this was for Sister Gudrun. Her life was spent in the untiring loving care for others. Gleaning from the treasure chest of God's Word, she offered counsel and comfort. Phone calls, which she patiently answered, later became quite wearying for her. Yet her good appetite and her innate sense of humor helped to revive her after such exhausting experiences. She also had the ability to rejoice over the little things of life, and whenever she had gotten over another hurdle, such as a doctor's visit, she could happily say: "Yes, we made it again!"

On her desk I found a piece of paper on which were written the words of Psalm 94:18-19, **"If I say, 'My foot slips,' Your mercy, O Lord, will hold me up. In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul."** Now Sister Gudrun is with her merciful Lord! 🙏

Sister Edeltraud Kessler, veteran missionary of 42 years, ministers at the Japanese Motherhouse "Bethel" in Kobe. Presently there are eight Japanese Sisters serving together with Sister Edeltraud.

Sister Gudrun Tate ~ At Home with the Lord

On February 8, 2014, our dear Sister Gudrun Tate went Home to be with the Lord. Earlier that day, I had played for her a recording of the testimony she gave at the celebration of her 40th Anniversary as a Sister. Her voice from her deathbed was clear, "Yes, that is exactly what I still want to say to people!" In her testimony she praised the grace of God, which she had



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Some people hear the Gospel and respond quickly. Others need more time. Still others require earth-shattering experiences. Such was Mrs. Lee. This is her story.

It begins with Mrs. Lee's adult daughter, Sujen, who came to our church years ago. She believed in Jesus, was baptized, and consistently attended church for a while. During that time I visited her family and met her mother, Mrs. Lee. Though always polite, she never came to church or showed interest in the Gospel. Suddenly Sujen dropped out of church and did not attend any other church to our knowledge.

Fast-forward a few years. Sujen had developed cancer. God directed an encounter with Sujen's sister at a shopping center, and I found that Sujen was in the hospital. I went to visit her and met her mother when I arrived. Mrs. Lee told me that she was now praying to Sujen's God. They both promised to return to church, but this never happened.

Several months later, Sujen's condition became critical. The family called us for prayer, but also to discuss possible funeral arrangements. I was able to see Sujen just a few short hours before she died. It was very moving when Sujen, seemingly unconscious, opened her eyes upon hearing my voice.

Our church conducted Sujen's funeral, attended by her family and our church members. God greatly used that time to give comfort and hope. The night-and-day difference between a funeral extolling the Christian hope of eternal life through faith in Christ, and one where the deceased might be sent to any one of eighteen levels of hell, was outstanding. (The Buddhist belief that sinners are subjected to numerous tortures, but are not allowed to die because the ordeal is repeated, began in the Tang Dynasty, 618-907 AD.)



This was Mrs. Lee's opportunity. Shortly after her daughter's funeral, Mrs. Lee said she was ready to believe in Christ. She was baptized and now faithfully attends our church. She knows the truth of I Thessalonians 4:13, that she

"sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

We thank the Lord for this miracle of grace, and we thank you, dear praying and supporting friends, for your partnership in this ministry! 🙏

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



**Karl & Kathy Schulz
with Benjamin,
David & Aurora**

Japan

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!

Makoto Suzuki is the husband of a cartoonist and both are members of our Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church in Tokyo, attending with their two young daughters. Mr. Suzuki came to the Lord last year, just two years after his wife did, as she faithfully prayed for his salvation. He has really grown in his faith, and this is a result of people like YOU praying and sacrificing for this ministry here in Tokyo. Today I want to thank each of you, and share with you this recent

testimony of Mr. Suzuki, showing Christ's power at work in him:



Recently I broke my little toe and was placed in a plaster cast for one month. It was very inconvenient for daily living, but on the other hand, it was interesting to see how our body heals.

Bone healing has three stages - inflammation, repair, and remodeling, with some overlap between each stage. I understand that when a

bone breaks, cells migrate to the site, and there is increased blood flow to that region. This is called the inflammatory stage. Cells and nutrients accumulate at the site and the bone becomes hard. This phase is the repairing stage. Then there is a gradual reshaping of the bone, this being called the remodeling stage, when the bone becomes very similar to the original bone before it was broken. All of this happens automatically without any conscious action by the patient.

Because I am a computer engineer, I understand that everything happens "automatically." This exquisite action occurs because there is a superb program already in each person's body. My genome (all of my genes) consists of about 30 billion base pairs. All human beings have a similar set of genes. Could we make a complicated robot like a human by writing a 750 megabyte program? No way!!

This is far beyond our capability because this knowledge is in God's domain! He is the Creator of the whole universe! He is the Creator of the human body, **"fearfully and wonderfully made"** (Ps. 139:14).

How thankful we should be as we recognize that as great and powerful as God is, He still cares for each one of us, even if it is just breaking a little toe! 🙏

Pastor Fran Ueda served under LCM in Tokyo since 1981, becoming a missionary of LCM in April 2010. She remains senior pastor of Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church in Tokyo. Presently she leads the development of our new mission agency **Liberty Corner Mission Japan**, seeking to unite the strengths of indigenous church workers with foreign missionaries, forging forward in church planting in Japan.



Fran Ueda