

### For I know the plans I have for you...

Our hearts rejoiced when Yoko recently asked to be baptized. She and her mother have regularly come to our church for over three years. Last year her mother was baptized. At that time, Yoko thought she was not ready to ask Jesus to become her Savior. Our congregation and Sunday School teachers did not give up on Yoko, a young woman in her thirties.



Andy & Shoko Pfeiffer

Yoko is no ordinary woman. She was in fifth grade when the Great Kobe Earthquake destroyed her home in 1995. An upright piano beside her futon fell on her head as she slept, causing severe brain damage. Yoko survived this tragic accident, yet remained a fifth grader both emotionally and intellectually.

Although she is an adult, Yoko attends Sunday School together with the children. She is so gentle and helpful and has earned our respect, love and acceptance. Very slowly, Yoko has learned to read her Bible, say a simple prayer and sing praises to Jesus. Everyone in our congregation is amazed at the joy this has brought into her eyes and life. Yoko now understands who Jesus is, and that He died for her sins on the cross. In contrast to her father and two elder siblings, Yoko and her mother have found peace with God through the blood of Jesus.



Yoko's father has approved her wish to get baptized. The testimonies of both Yoko and her mother have moved his heart. He has even

allowed a cell group to meet in their newly renovated home for Bible studies. What an amazing transformation this is! Please pray for Yoko's family as she prepares for baptism. May Yoko's leap of faith be an inspiration for all in her home. Jesus may not always choose to heal every physical wound, but He always heals the broken-hearted and contrite, who wish to be saved. He has good plans for us: "...plans to prosper and not to harm, plans to give hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

We sincerely thank you for all your prayer and support for our ministry here in Japan! Only Eternity will show what you have done to build God's Kingdom here!

*Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer have been serving at Yamanomachi Christian Church in northern Kobe since April 2009. Perseverance has yielded returns in their first church-plant as we see signs of true growth: shoots, buds, and fruit!*

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Dear Friends of *Liberty Corner Mission*,  
My heart has been stirred often while reading K. P. Yohannan's book, *Revolution in World Missions*. In this revolution the emphasis is not only on missionaries being sent to foreign shores to evangelize, disciple, and develop churches, but also of supporting and equipping nationals to fulfill these tasks in their own countries. Recently I was again

convicted of my lack of faith to "make it happen", as I succumb to the devil's lies that I am "too old, too inexperienced, too poor, too 'old school', too uneducated" (the list goes on...) to become part of the revolution in missions that is taking place. It's true; the task is immense, but our God is all-powerful and has all the resources we need.

In his book, Yohannan quotes an article written by an atheist. Long ago, these very words challenged C. T. Studd to become one of the most revolutionary missionaries ever:

*"If I firmly believed, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, then religion would mean to me everything. I would cast away earthly enjoyments as dross, earthly cares as follies, and earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Religion would be my first waking thought and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness. I should labor in its cause alone.... I would strive to look upon eternity alone, and on the immortal souls around me, soon to be everlastingly happy or everlastingly miserable."*

*Liberty Corner Mission* seeks to further this kind of commitment, not to the propagation of a religion, but to preaching the life-changing, redeeming Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are deeply grateful for all you have done to make this possible. Thank you!

**"Only one life, 'twill soon be past.  
Only what's done for Christ will last."**

It was none other than C.T. Studd who wrote these words. His legacy in world missions remains until today. With eternity in view, what can you do for Christ? We at *Liberty Corner Mission* are ready to partner with you to become a part of something revolutionary, something that will definitely last.

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.

## Taiwan



**Ruth Estell**

### Decisions

Recently during the English Bible Study in our local prison, we were discussing the topic of making choices. In particular, we talked about making the decision to follow Christ.

“I had to become a Christian,” answered Ken, one of the 26 men that day in the English Bible Study. It seemed an odd answer to the question of how he had made the decision to follow Christ, a

decision that is normally made quite freely. But Ken went on to share that he had been sentenced to death, and in facing the reality of eternity, he was “forced” to also face the reality of God. Amazingly, his sentence was reversed, and today Ken is one of the strong Christians in the class.

For Jerry, the decision was also made after entering prison. He once wrote: “In 2006, when I was in prison, I sank into depression and felt numb for a long time. I thought everything was gone and nothing could encourage me anymore.” He explained that he found a Bible in his cell. As he opened it he was touched by 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” He was also touched by the unconditional love he experienced in the English Bible Study. God was mightily at work in his heart and eventually he made the decision to follow Christ.



Johnny, who is something of a class clown, will quite honestly admit that he is not a Christian. But he has also talked about being touched by the great love he feels in the English Bible Study.

Please pray for these men. Pray that those like Johnny would open their hearts to Christ. Pray that those like Ken and Jerry would continue to grow in their faith and would shine for Christ in those dark prison cells. And pray for the others, that they too would make that life-changing decision!

Today I thank you for making your decision, to enable me to serve here by supporting *Liberty Corner Mission* and praying for our ministries. Your prayers and support are so valuable and so greatly appreciated! 

*Ruth Estell, an American MK, now serves in her hometown of Hualien, Taiwan, ministering to the incarcerated at a local prison. Her main ministry is at Bethesda ~ Home for Challenged Children and Adults, where she spiritually nurtures both children and staff.*

## Japan

### To Japan's Tsunami-Stricken Northeast With Love By Michiyo Fujita

**On March 11, 2011, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake, triggering 23-foot tall tsunami waves, hit the Northeastern coast of Japan. Complicated by a nuclear disaster due to damaged reactors, over 26,000 people are now dead, injured or missing. The survivors in this area are more open than ever to hearing God's Word. To Japan's Northeast Liberty Corner Mission is therefore sending workers. Let's hear from one of them:**


My name is Michiyo Fujita and I am a member of *Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church* in Tokyo. Every month I travel to the tsunami-stricken area near Sendai to share Jesus with the survivors. Sometimes others go with me and sometimes I go alone.



Near the coast, all the houses have been washed away, including most of their inhabitants. After the disaster, many volunteers came from all over Japan and from all over the world. *Samaritan's Purse* was one of the groups from America that came to repair damaged houses and clean out mud and debris. While in Sendai I met Mrs. Ito, who also has a house that was repaired by them.

Before this disaster, she didn't know anything about God, or church, or the Gospel. Through *Samaritan's Purse*, she became acquainted with Jesus. Because of the love of the volunteers, their sacrifice, and their faith, she began attending church and reading the Bible. She came to know Jesus as Savior, and she even introduced her daughter to our *Kotake church*, since her daughter is a student in Tokyo.

As a result of this disaster there are many like Mrs. Ito, who through the love and devotion of strangers met the God of the Bible for the first time. But now, after three years, almost all the volunteers have left. The survivors of this catastrophe are in deep emotional and spiritual need. They experienced such horrific tragedy, yet live on, and most of their inner reserves have been used up. They feel injured and wounded in heart, having lost spouses, parents, children, homes, occupations and security. They need peace in their hearts and salvation for their souls.

*LCM* therefore goes to the Northeast on a regular, consistent basis. They need the Gospel now. We pray for fruit from this ministry, and hope to establish a more permanent presence in this area in the future. Do pray and believe with us that a greater witness in this area might become a reality! 

**And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?  
And how shall they hear without a preacher?  
And how shall they preach unless they are sent?**

Romans 10:14 & 15

*Michiyo Fujita, a faithful member and volunteer at Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church, Tokyo, is a housewife and seminary graduate. Her husband endorses her efforts in Japan's Northeast and helps when he can. The Fujitas are the parents of two teenage daughters.*

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