

**Chai-Hau** is a 16-year old youth, wheelchair-bound, who has lived at *Bethesda ~ Home for Challenged Children and Adults* in Hualien, Taiwan, for a number of years. Even though he came from a difficult Buddhist home, it was evident upon his arrival that he had a great hunger to hear about God, to experience God's love, to learn to pray and read the Bible.



**Sister Monika Gottschild**

It was therefore no surprise when one day he told me he had invited Jesus into his heart and now Jesus was his Lord and Savior. He said that he would love to become a pastor someday. It's marvelous to see him witness! He tells Bible stories to children at school and is eager to share God's love with his classmates.

What a joy it was several months ago when **Chai-Hau** asked if he could be baptized! I asked him whether he truly understood what it means to be baptized. He did. I then told him he would need his mother's permission for baptism. This would be a step of faith. He had great assurance, however, that God would work in his mother's heart and asked me and many others to pray.



Just before Christmas, **Chai-Hau** called his mother to ask for her consent. Miraculously she agreed, though she herself would not attend. On January 25, 2014, **Chai-Hau** was baptized in our *Bethesda* chapel. This was not only an important day for him, but also for the entire *Bethesda* family. Our residents and staff were touched by the clear and concise answers he gave to the pastor's questions regarding his faith in our Lord Jesus. They also participated in the service by choir numbers, leading in prayer, giving cards, gifts and blessings.

We praise the Lord for **Chai-Hau's** strong faith! Pray that he may continue to grow in grace as he reads the Word and spends time in prayer and fellowship with other believers at *Bethesda*. We are indebted to you, dear friends, for your prayer and support! To God alone be honor and glory!

**Sister Monika Gottschild**, veteran missionary of 24 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.

*And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

II Timothy 2:2 NIV

Dear friends of *LCM*,



The approach to world missions has dramatically changed. Books, publications, testimonies all attest to this fact. The missionary who once preached the Gospel to the unsaved on foreign shores is now working in cooperation with indigenous Bible teachers and committed Christians. Indigenous church planters are harvesting souls. The body of

worshippers is being enlarged, converts disciplined, and believers are being trained for ministry. These are new waves in missions, revolutionary waves that give us cause to rejoice! Time is short. Praise be to the Lord of the Harvest for sending national workers to labor alongside the foreign missionary to reach their own people!

We at *Liberty Corner Mission* have recognized this truth for years and presently are supporting three indigenous workers in Japan, and anticipate sending a Taiwanese national to Taiwan next year. We hail this as a milestone, and anticipate God's great blessing. Read in this issue what Rie Miura wrote about the new church plant in Arawa in Fukui, Japan. *An update on Rie's mother: she recently accepted the Lord and is preparing for baptism in June!* Is it not exciting what God is doing? But we cannot complete this enormous task alone. We need your prayer, your support, your sponsorship of these national workers as they labor tirelessly together with us. If you sense that God is leading you to help sponsor one of these national workers, then do contact me for further information. The fruit we will see in Eternity from their service will certainly be credited to your account!

Thank you for your partnership in reaching the peoples of Taiwan and Japan for Jesus. May God bless each of you!

In Christ and for Christ,

*Sister Maria*

Sister Maria Baha  
Director of *Liberty Corner Mission*



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## Japan



**Michael & Esther Stock with Ricarda & Leonie**

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## Taiwan

**Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened.**

**Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.**

Acts 9:31 (NIV)

The year 2014 brings us both new opportunities and new challenges. But first it's good to reflect 2013. Last year the Lord gave us several new believers. Each person's story is unique. All came to the Lord through the intervening work of the Holy Spirit. We know of several people in southern Taiwan and in Indonesia who were saved, in part as a result of the witness of new believers in our church. We also began a building fund and sponsored a larger than ever Christmas program, reaching many more non-Christians with the message of the Gospel than in years past. On a sadder note, a few of our people went through deep personal crises. Overall, however, our church grew and we are grateful!

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**Praise the Lord!**

Thank you for your prayer and support for our new church plant in Awara, Fukui! We started gathering people last summer. Many from my home church in Tokyo, as well as from the seminary I attended, came to help in those early endeavors. Working in Japan's countryside is most difficult, because people in these rural areas have strong cultural and religious beliefs and tend to reject external influences. For these people Jesus has died, so we must reach them.

We started “Kid's Club“ once a month. At our first Christmas children's event, the Lord gathered 22 people, including adults and children. For most of them, it was the very first time they had ever entered a Christian church. I was overjoyed to tell them the true meaning of Christmas! (Many here still believe Christmas is Santa Claus' birthday.)



We celebrated Christ's birth on Christmas Eve with a candlelight service in our Arawa Christian Church. Although only nine of us came, the atmosphere was warm and the Lord's presence could be felt. Please pray for these people to come to know Jesus as their Savior. Do pray especially for my mother\*, as she has begun studying the Bible together with me, and shows a real interest in things of the Lord.

Miss Kazue Tanaka, my new coworker, moved to Fukui in January. After seminary training, she completed an internship at our Tokyo church. Since Kazue was born and raised in an urban area, pray that she will adjust well to rural life. On March 2nd, our Sunday Worship Services will commence. Pray that we might be empowered to share His Word clearly, knowing that the Lord has many people in Fukui He wants to call to Himself.

**“One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision; Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.”**

Acts 18:9-10 (NIV)

\* Since this article was written, Rie's mother has accepted Jesus and is preparing for baptism in June! Praise the Lord! 🙏

*Rie Miura lives in Fukui Prefecture, about five hours 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 is now back in Arawa, Fukui, trusting God to save souls and build His Church.*



**Rie Miura**