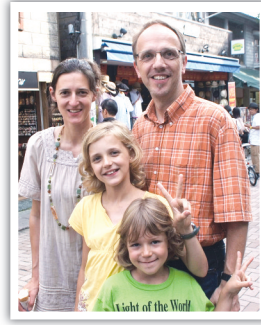


In 1995, a few years after *Japan Fellowship Deaconry Mission* purchased a large and beautiful piece of land in the woods of Karuizawa, a Japanese man named Mr. Sekiguchi was asked to manage our *Karuizawa Fellowship Bible Camp* together with a missionary sent by Liberty Corner Mission. Mr. Sekiguchi, a dear fellow from a long-standing Christian family in town, began his work in this quiet place where missionaries would come for vacation during the summer months.



Michael and Esther Stock, with Ricarda and Leonie

Mr. Sekiguchi, formerly a salesman, started to think about marketing for the Camp grounds. As he advertised in Christian publications, more and more people came to KFBC. Groups of up to 80 people came for their church retreats. Over the years, the Camp became more crowded with people returning every year.



This year, Mr. Sekiguchi retired at age 65. Esther and I, having worked at Camp for three years now, felt that a native Japanese replacement for Mr. Sekiguchi was needed. God has been graciously preparing! In July,

a young couple with a lovely four-year-old daughter moved to Karuizawa. Mr. Tsuchida is now working with us full time, while his wife Hiromu helps us when needed. They both have hearts for the Lord's work and together we try to accomplish what the Lord tells us to do. Our Camp has grown from a missionary retreat center into a guest ministry, and we are seeking God's purpose for our *Karuizawa Fellowship Bible Camp*. If the Lord opens the door, we would like to see our Camp grow into a ministry involved in helping young people who are struggling with life. Please pray that the name of the Lord will be proclaimed mightily both here in KFBC, as well as in all of Japan. And thank you so much for your faithful financial support. 🙏

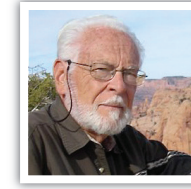
**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.**
Psalm 33:20~21

Michael and Esther Stock joined our Japan team in 2007. They are involved in management at Karuizawa Fellowship Bible Camp, our retreat center northwest of Tokyo. Their daughters, Ricarda and Leonie, attend boarding school in Yokohama.

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It's "Missions Night" at our church. The people of Japan and Taiwan are portrayed in terms of spiritual tragedy. We hear of families whose lives are totally void of the living God. I am deeply moved. Effectively communicating to these individuals the love of our Heavenly Father will take the efforts of evangelists and missionaries. That costs money. So a collection is taken and I give. Is this charity?

Our Lord gave us a parable about a farm hand. After a long, hot day of physical labor, the sun set and it was time to return to the house for dinner. First, he will prepare his master's meal and after the master is finished, he himself will eat. To the hearers of this story, it was unthinkable that the worker should prepare his own meal first, even though he was probably famished by that time.

Is there any special merit or praise due this farm hand? Jesus asked. The worker himself responds, **"I am but an unworthy worker, for I have merely done what I was commanded,"** (Luke 17:7-10). By today's standards, he would be considered a sacrificial saint. The point is well taken. Missions is our response to a divine mandate. To the individual believer and to the church, there is no option but to obey. Would there be special praise for that believer who did what he was told? No, rather it should be said, "Obedience is our privilege and our duty."

Giving in order to spread the Gospel is not charity. It is obedience to a command of our Master. Believers of every age will pray, will witness, will seek an untouched people, and will give – **because our Master expects us, and has commanded us, to do so!** No praise, no glory, no applause nor prize is anticipated. Simply the satisfaction of knowing that I have done at least the minimum, that which I was told to do.

Giving for missions is my obligation. As a prayer warrior of Liberty Corner Mission, I'll pray and give for its great financial needs, that many souls might be saved.

For the Kingdom,
Roy Anderson

Dr. Roy Anderson, a member of Liberty Corner Mission Council since 2009, is the former Director of Pocket Testament League. Together with his wife, Delthea, he was a missionary in Puerto Rico, Spain, and southern Europe and presently serves as secretary of the Board of Directors of Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, AZ.

Liberty Corner Mission is the foreign mission arm of Fellowship Deaconry Ministries, Liberty Corner, New Jersey. Serving in cooperation with Marburger Mission of Germany, we preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, hold high the Cross, make disciples and plant churches, that God might be glorified among the nations. Presently Liberty Corner Mission serves in Taiwan and Japan.

Japan



Fran Ueda

For the last year and a half, Yoko attended our church. She once asked me, “What does Christianity teach about reincarnation?” I responded that we as Christians do not believe in reincarnation. We live only once and therefore it is very important how we live. The Bible says, “As it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...” (Hebrews 9:27 NKJV).

Yoko had grown up believing in reincarnation. She had lived in fear and desperately tried to live a good life so that after death she would ascend higher. She agreed to study the Bible together, but after just a few times she stopped coming. Later Yoko shared the reason she had discontinued coming to church. When she believed in reincarnation, she had put much effort into living a good life. If there were no reincarnation, she could live as she pleased. This satisfied her.

A few months later Yoko ran into trouble at work. She is an “anime” cartoonist and her work had been plagiarized. She came to church once again with a heavy burden of anger and a strong desire to punish the person who had plagiarized her work.



We again opened the Word. Justice is important, but hatred is not justified. “Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath,” Romans 12:19 tells us. Yoko and I again had one-on-one Bible studies, and as time passed her heart slowly changed. She accepted Jesus as her Savior.

During the testimony she gave at her baptism, Yoko smiled and said, “In my comics, I always illustrate the hero. When I read in the Bible the passage that just prior to Jesus death on the cross He said, ‘It is finished,’ I thought, ‘WOW! I found my real Hero! There is no person better than this!’” Yoko’s joy was contagious and we all rejoiced with her.

God also used the plagiarism issue for good! A more prominent publisher gave her a better contract, with much better copyright coverage. Praise the Lord for His provision! Do also pray for Yoko’s family. Her unsaved husband and two daughters came to our summer camp and to Yoko’s baptism, and we long for their salvation. Thank you for your faithful prayer and support. May God bless you all. 🙏

Fran Ueda served with our missionaries in Tokyo since 1981. Since April 2010, she is a missionary of LCM serving as field leader. She remains senior pastor of Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church in Tokyo.

Taiwan

Every Wednesday morning, Erika and I, together with our Thai coworkers, Mere and David, go to the Hsinchu Detention Center. Accompanying us are seminary student Chen, university professor Yang, and Daniel, one of our young short-termers. Altogether there are about 300 foreigners behind these walls, doors and bars. Most of them had previously been migrant contract workers employed in Taiwan, but fled from their sponsoring company or family. They are therefore now in Taiwan illegally. Caught by the police, they are detained for some weeks until their case is processed. They have to raise enough money for their return ticket and the Detention Center fee. They will then be deported to their home countries. In the meantime, they just sit in crowded rooms and wait. So, of course, they look forward to seeing us regularly.

In the men’s dormitory, Erika and Daniel meet Mr. B from Bangladesh. Mr. B’s face radiates joy when he sees them enter, even though he has to wear handcuffs during the visit. “Please, tell me more about this Jesus,” he says. “Let’s go on to read the next verses in the Bible passage!” It is such a joy to share the Gospel with true seekers.



Afterward, Erika leaves Daniel ministering to Mr. B, Mere and Chen ministering to Thais and Vietnamese, and she goes alone to the ladies’ dormitory, where Imo and the others are bringing God’s wonderful message in many different languages to the inmates. As a woman, Erika is allowed into the female prisoners’ cells. When the guard opens the barred door, Erika finds one of her Filipino friends there among about twenty Vietnamese and forty Indonesian prisoners. There are also five new Filipino inmates. After they enthusiastically welcome Erika, New Testaments and Christian literature are distributed. Three of the women were in tears. “Please, come again”, they plead when Erika had to leave. “Share more about God’s wonderful message to us! We are Catholic, but we have never heard this message before!”

We thank you for your part in praying for these prisoners. Only God can set them free in their hearts. Do intercede for a breakthrough in many lives! 🙏

Imo and Erika Scharrer, serving in Taipei, Taiwan since 2000, were formerly missionaries to Thailand for almost 20 years. In addition to visiting foreign inmates in prisons, they minister to Thai migrant workers in Taipei, and Imo teaches at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hsinchu.



Imo and Erika Scharrer



Japan

One morning as I stood in front of our “house” in Sanda, a middle-aged woman approached walking her little white dog. “Is this a church?” she asked. “Yes. Though it looks like a house, it is a church.” I answered. “What do you teach?” was her next question. So I explained the Bible’s Good News. The following week, Mrs. “A” came again and we started a Bible study. Her interest in everything was most enthusiastic and I was astonished at how the Holy Spirit had already prepared her heart and mind.



Sister Gisela Paluch

A most important truth Mrs. A needed to learn was that in God’s eyes every person has the same value and everyone is equally important, so important that He gave His life for each of us. There are no second-class people because of skin-color, social standing, or anything else. She was profoundly relieved at this wonderful news, has accepted the Lord as her Savior, and has not stopped coming to church ever since she was baptized.

Mr. A has now started to come to church as well. He recently went through some difficult surgery for the removal of stomach cancer. We all prayed together for his recovery. Just three days after he was released from the hospital he walked to church in spite of the heat and humidity! It took much determination on his part to get there, but he did not want to miss the Sunday service. He does not yet believe in Jesus, but I am confident that the Holy Spirit will overcome the last barriers in his heart.



Are you praying with us? Pray that our congregation and I will be able to help lead Mrs. A’s husband to salvation. Pray that the renovation work on our newly acquired church home will be soon completed. Your prayers and support are advancing God’s purposes in mighty ways. It is my greatest joy that we are not alone in this work. I heartily thank you all for

standing with us in prayer and financial support! 🙏

Sister Gisela Paluch, serving in Japan since 1981, is active in planting a church in Sanda, just north of Kobe. Their great need for a larger facility for worship has now been met, and they are busy renovating an old store-front into a House of God!