

## Taiwan

Most people who come to faith in our church first came through the influence of their Taiwanese friends or relatives. But there are exceptions, and Sandra Chang is one of them.

Phil Lund, a Christian from America, was introduced to our church by one of our members. Phil works as an English teacher and is learning Chinese. Phil met Sandra at work, and they began to develop a romantic interest in each other. He brought her to our church, and after only a few months, Sandra came to faith in Jesus. She was baptized in August 2010.

Sandra's mother unhappily realized that her daughter really seemed to abandon their family's Animist and Buddhist traditions, but assumed it was mainly to please her foreign boyfriend. Despite her mother's efforts to the contrary, Sandra has continued to grow in the Lord, even teaching Sunday School in our church.



Earlier this year she was accepted into a Master's Level Chinese language teaching program in southern Taiwan that begins in late August. Sandra sensed the Lord was leading her in this direction, though there were openings for less than 12% of those who applied. Knowing the odds were greatly against her was a real

test of faith and endurance, but she knew the Spirit was leading. The result glorifies God and she is looking forward to reaching people for the Lord in that city also.

Not every new Christian matures as much as Sandra has, and we will miss her. She and Phil were engaged on June 23rd and plan to be married next January. They have not decided whether or not to return to our area after the completion of her program, but the Lord will surely use them wherever He leads.

We thank each of you for your prayer and support, without which we could not be here in Taiwan. May God bless each of you with James 5:6 (NIV),

*"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* 

*Karl and Kathy Schulz, with Benjamin, David and Aurora, serve in Taoyuan, Taiwan, near Taipei. Karl is a church planter and first went to Taiwan in 1993.*



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

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## How Shall They Hear?



Dear praying friends,

Yes, indeed, how shall the untold masses hear of Jesus' love and sacrifice *unless someone is sent to tell them?*

With the theme **HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?**

our **CROSSroads 2012** missions-emphasis weekend, sponsored by Liberty Corner Mission, will be held **September 28~30**. Missionaries from five continents will report, confront and challenge us with the facts of world missions today. **David Schuit**, Pastor of Missions at Hawthorne Gospel Church, will bring Keynote Messages to stir and rouse. **CROSSroads 2012** is one conference the waiting world cannot afford you to miss! Take a look at our schedule, call 908-647-1777 with any questions, and do plan to come!

### CROSSroads 2012 SCHEDULE

#### Friday, September 28

- 5:00 PM Registration and Displays ~ Large Chapel
- 5:30 PM CHINESE BANQUET ~ Dining Room
- Session I ~ Dining Room
- Meet our Missionary Presenters
- Keynote Message ~ Pastor David Schuit
- Presenter ~ Sister Gisela Paluch

#### Saturday, September 29

- 8:00 AM BREAKFAST
- 9:00 AM Session II ~ Large Chapel
- Keynote Message ~ Pastor David Schuit
- Presenter ~ Mark & Elke Karan
- 10:30 AM Session III ~ Large Chapel
- Presenter ~ Lois Glass
- Presenter ~ Paul & Janis Alencar
- Presenter ~ Imo Scharrer
- 12:00 PM LUNCH
- 2-5 PM Workshop 1
- Workshop 2
- Workshop 3
- 5:30 PM DINNER ~ Dining Room
- 7:00 PM Session IV ~ Large Chapel
- Keynote Message ~ Pastor David Schuit
- Presenter ~ Ruth Estell

#### Sunday, September 30

- 8:00 AM BREAKFAST
- 9:00 AM Prayer for the Nations
- 10:30 AM Worship Service ~ Maranatha Chapel
- Keynote Message ~ Pastor David Schuit
- Presenter ~ John & Maila Davies
- 12:30 PM DINNER ~ Dining Room

In Christ and for Christ,

*Sister Maria*

Sister Maria Baha, Director of Liberty Corner Mission

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



**Dirk and Erika Grabowski, with Julia and Sophia**

- We had a blessed farewell at our church in Tokyo.
- We found good living quarters, conveniently located near our daughters' school, with good transportation to ministry locations.
- Our relocation went smoothly and we could apply for all public utilities unaided.
- The welcome received from Team members was warm and we're encouraged in the Lord that He will open ministry opportunities. Beginning with an internship in Sakai (South of Osaka) and in supporting our younger church planting projects, we hope to one day develop something according to our God's guidance in our setting as a family and in our location.

Throughout the last weeks in Tokyo, our personal devotion time was in I Kings 17. We were again touched by God's provision of water at the brook Cherith for Elijah and food through the ravens, while at the same time He was punishing His people through a famine.

Surprisingly, when the river dried up, Elijah was then sent to a widow who had only one meal left for herself and her son. It almost seems as if Elijah was being led from one dire situation to another. Yet our most resourceful God was in the lead, proving through all these experiences His unparalleled providence and sufficiency.

Looking back, we were reminded of our own desert wanderings with many ups and downs, including innumerable earthquakes, radiation fears, struggles with language acquisition, lack of visible perspectives, cultural miscommunication, etc. But then there were the "ravens" that helped us to survive and persevere. God brought us through and used us in all our weakness.

We feel encouraged by this move forward, being led by our living, resourceful God! And again we thank you, our faithful intercessors, for praying in the ravens! 🙏

*Dirk and Erika Grabowski, with Julia and Sophia, arrived in Japan in May 2010. Having finished Dirk's formal language study, they have now moved to the Osaka area and will begin more actively sharing the Good News of God's love.*

## God's RAVENS in Japan

The "Other Big Step" has been completed! Do you remember? We asked for prayer, an extra portion of energy, and the encouragement and confirmation necessary while moving from Tokyo to Osaka. Today we offer our gratitude to the Lord and to you, as you supported us through prayer!

## Taiwan

Bang! Clang! Click! The prison doors slam shut behind us and the locks click into place as we continue our journey into the inner section of the local maximum security prison where another missionary and I go twice a week to hold English Bible classes.

In the education wing, which houses the students studying in either junior high or senior high, twenty-seven men are waiting for us, waiting to carry our book bag and guitar, waiting to warmly greet us with their big smiles, waiting to sing, waiting to pray, waiting to learn more about God, waiting to share what they have recently learned from the Bible and waiting to ask questions.



Just last month we celebrated the baptism of Samtino and Terry and listened to their simple, but heartfelt, testimonies as to what it means for them to personally know Jesus. Andy, who was baptized some years ago, read a special verse for Samtino and then used his shirt sleeve to wipe the tears from his eyes. Jack, our oldest student in his fifties, is also a believer. He stood with a big smile on his face as he read a scripture text to Terry. God is at work in these men's hearts!

Yet, the end of the school year also means graduation, a time of celebration mixed with sadness. Some of them will be leaving. At the graduation ceremony, the class sang "Amazing Grace" and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow", as officials, family members, classmates and other students were touched by the Lord. In an interview with the press, the prison official mentioned how these songs give hope to the prisoners and change their lives.

Thank you for praying for the graduates as they are transferred to another prison or are assigned to a factory within the Hualien Prison. Pray that they may continue to grow in their faith and not soon forget the lessons learned in class. And thank you so much for making this ministry possible through your praying and giving! 🙏

*Sister Monika Gottschild, veteran missionary of 23 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 joys in sharing God's love and salvation with them.*



**Sister Monika Gottschild**

## Japan

*Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.*

Psalm 127:1a

When we speak of building a church we mean two things: the physical building and the spiritual body. For a year I was very much involved in buying the property and constructing a building in Kibogaoka. Now we have a beautiful church, thanks to all those who graciously supported us! I am so thankful that this task doesn't demand all my time anymore and that I can again fully concentrate on the spiritual part of church building: bringing men and women to Jesus as their Savior.

Today I will introduce two of these new believers to you. First is Mr. Ibaraki, who has been attending our English classes for the past three years. He and his parents have a small restaurant in a nearby village. They also sell fruit and vegetables. After the Bible message following our English lesson a few weeks ago, Mr. Ibaraki received Jesus into his heart as Savior. He desires baptism and is attending baptism lessons with Pastor Tanikase, our part-time pastor.

Second is Mr. Takita. He has a small home here in Kibogaoka but lives with his family in downtown Osaka. Receiving an invitation to our Open House, he came. His mother was a Christian, but he lost contact with church due to heavy responsibilities at work. He spends weekends here in Kibogaoka, and began coming to Sunday services. His mother, who is already with the Lord, left him her Bible which he reads regularly. He already knew the way of salvation but has now made the decision to make Jesus his Lord, following Him into baptism. He, also, attends pre-baptism classes.

Please pray for the young faith of these two men, that through these Bible lessons Christ might become their solid foundation and that they will grow spiritually. Thank you. And for all your faithful support, please accept my sincere thanks! 🙏

*Sister Gerlinde Fuchs has served in Japan since 1981 and is a church planter in Kibogaoka, just north of Osaka. Praise God for their recently completed house of worship!*



**Sister Gerlinde Fuchs**

