

## Taiwan


In working to bring about growth for the kingdom of God, we always look for meaningful opportunities to preach the Word to those who do not yet believe. One such opportunity came on February 3, 2012, when I had the privilege of giving an hour-long “values” seminar to the employees of one of our church members, Mrs. Wu, who sells real estate. She has been in our church for a few years and is actively working to spread the Gospel, and often uses these contacts as a platform for reaching others. Her office hosts monthly seminars, and she thought it would be good for me to lead one of them.



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

In Taiwan the real estate business is especially competitive. Agents are under enormous pressure to make a living. Many people active in this field come from a difficult past and have trouble finding a place in the shrinking pool of well-paying, steady jobs. They must throw themselves into the storm of the market place to survive financially. It is here that a biblically-based value system will not only help them get their professional bearings, but hopefully lead them to Jesus.

With this in mind I prepared a Bible-based lesson. The reaction was positive, but was also peppered with the typical Buddhist comment: “Yes, what you say is good, but in Buddhism we have something similar.” Then they would go on to quote something from one of the many Buddhist scriptures. I’ve been here for a number of years, so I’m accustomed to that response and know that simply refuting them or loading on more Bible verses to prove the superiority of my position is not effective. Let the Word of God go forth, and it will do its job. Mrs. Wu told me that the group would like to have me back again. We will see how the Lord leads.

In these endeavors we are grateful and happy to be used of the Lord to spread forth His Word. Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support. We can’t do it without you! 

*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.*

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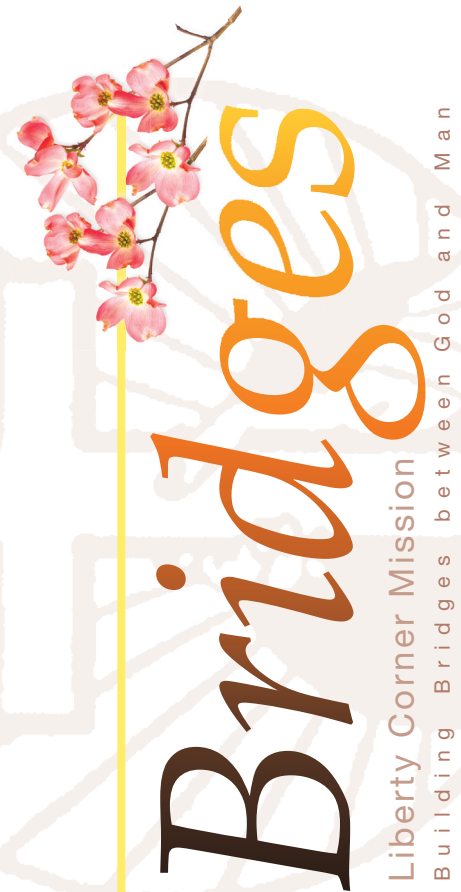


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Dear Prayer-Warriors,

What a tremendous blessing it was to be in Taiwan and to celebrate 60 years of service to the Lord by Liberty Corner Mission in partnership with Marburger Mission! When the Communists took over China in the early 1950’s, our missionary Sisters were forced to flee that land and resettle in Japan and Formosa (Taiwan). For 60 years in Taiwan, Jesus has been proclaimed. Churches have been planted, homes for challenged children and adults established, medical and spiritual help given to Hansen’s Disease victims, and Christian education and conference ministries established. What Satan intended for *evil* by the slaughter and deportation of God’s servants in China, our Lord used for *good*. Through the faithful witness of our Sisters, countless people obtained salvation by the blood of Jesus.

Looking back can be rewarding. Moses exhorted the people of Israel, “Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness...” (Deuteronomy 8:2). Jesus encouraged His disciples by asking, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?” Their answer was loud and clear, “Nothing!” (Luke 22:35). Looking back at God’s faithfulness is the most comforting, confidence-building tool the Lord gives us!

Yet through the Apostle Paul we are warned in Philippians 3:13, “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal...” We are urged to forget what is behind. Why such a contradictory message? To me, the answer is clear. It is so easy for us to look back at all our accomplishments and feel satisfied. The urgency to press on is thereby decreased. God still has plans for us. We must offer the lost the chance of trusting in Jesus as Savior! This is the goal, and we have not yet reached it!

Receive our heartfelt thanks for your part in furthering the ministries of Liberty Corner Mission in Taiwan and Japan. By His grace, let us press on together toward *the goal!*

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, Inc., Liberty Corner, New Jersey. Ministering 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**

**by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.” Exodus 13:21 NIV**

At times we feel like the Israelites that journeyed from place to place in the desert. Our time in Tokyo, which was full of ups and downs, is coming to an end and it seems as if the “cloud” is moving above us and leading us to “Kansai” (the area around Osaka, Kobe, and Kyoto).

Please pray:

...that God continues to prepare the way. Giant steps were taken in the last years and we feel the strong need of an extra portion of energy, encouragement and confirmation. He has prepared our hearts, but once again we leave all gained territory, all cherished relationships behind...

...that our girls Julia and Sophia will adjust to their new school and make new friends again. God showed us a good school in north Osaka, but it is not a Christian school. Therefore pray for a setting where they can get spiritual input and a good place to serve with their gifts.

...for an encouraging start of Dirk’s internship in the Osaka area, where he will be applying his acquired language skills. Please pray for good relationships not only within the church, but also for non-Christian contacts and friends.

...for open doors in ministry, for good health, for an affordable place to live and for a car that we’ll be needing. Pray also for a network of friends that will be crucial for spiritual and moral support.

Thank you for joining us in our journey and for your faithful prayer and financial support. God bless you! 🙏

*Dirk and Erika Grabowski, with Julia and Sophia, arrived in Japan in May 2010. Dirk has now finished his formal language study and begins the difficult task of actually communicating. Erika, an MK from Japan, has been active in working in administration with the relief agency CRASH Japan for this past year.*

## Another Giant Step...

If you feel a special burden to pray for missionaries in Japan, and also for those who are in the midst of a difficult learning curve, equipping themselves to serve this disaster-torn country, please read on...

Another Giant Step!  
**“By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and**

Another Giant Step!

**by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.” Exodus 13:21 NIV**

## Taiwan

March 24, 2012, was a highlight for the Taiwan Fellowship Deaconry Mission. Together with many people from all around Taiwan, Germany and the United States, we praised and thanked God, who has used the missionaries sent by Liberty Corner Mission and Marburger Mission to spread the gospel in Taiwan over the past 60 years.

Our five Taiwanese churches and the Thai churches were all represented and took part in the program. Because Hualien is the east-coast city where the mission work first began, the worship service was hosted here by *Bethesda~Home for Challenged Children and Adults*, whose staff and children also presented special musical numbers. A slide presentation showed how God used a single individual, Sister Kunigunde Brunner, a



German dentist, to begin the ministry because she was willing to say, “Here I am.” We learned through the testimonies shared that day how God used missionaries to introduce many to the Lord. Today, some of those believers are now co-workers and leaders in their local churches and communities.

A number of those attending were not believers and expressed surprise that

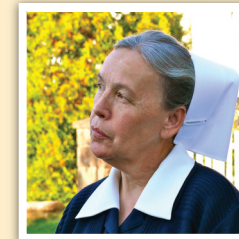
missionaries were willing to reach out to society’s marginal people who are often neglected and forgotten. Representatives of the government expressed their support and thankfulness for the mission work.

It was amazing to hear how Pastor Nikorn first became a believer through missionaries in his native Thailand. He is now serving as a missionary to Thai people who live and work in Taiwan. We praise the Lord how God is using him and his family to lead people to the Lord.



The theme, “*Moving Forward with God’s Vision*”, was a challenge to us all, not just to look back, but to seek God’s vision for the future. The greetings brought to us by our mission directors, Sister Maria Baha from the USA and Pastor Rainer Becker from Germany, encouraged us to move forward because we have not yet finished. We have just begun. Many thanks to each of you for your faithful support. 🙏

*Sister Monika Gottschild, veteran missionary of 22 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.*



**Sister Monika Gottschild**

## Japan

On Sunday, March 11, 2012, all over Japan people mourned the victims of the catastrophe that had occurred exactly one year ago. Even though they still face mountains of rubble and irreplaceable losses, on this Memorial Day there seemed to be a strengthening of their determination to reconstruct their lives, their towns, and their futures.

I attended a memorial prayer meeting for the victims of the earthquake disaster. The pastor of a Fukushima church, located near the now famous Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, told us: “Even though we had to evacuate our homes and leave our possessions, God has daily supplied all our needs. He taught us, *‘The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms’* (Deuteronomy 33:27a). And now He is carrying us back to Fukushima again! Again He teaches us, *‘Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that hovers over its young, He spread His wings and caught them, He carried them on His pinions’* (Deuteronomy 32:11). We are building a new church and apartments for the elderly. More than ever, people need Christ, for only He can give their wounded hearts the shelter they desperately need!”

In Sendai, another church building was swept away into the angry sea and nothing remained. Soon after the disaster, a coffee shop was rented to use for Sunday Worship Services. During the week, the church is open as a café, where local survivors can come to get refreshment and share their burdens. The pastor, church members and volunteers are there to listen to their deep sorrow and pain, and point them to the Healer.

Only the foundation of another church building endured the disaster. Volunteers erected a cross made of driftwood on the bare, cement foundation. The church’s original cross was later found, so now two crosses stand there as beacons of hope. Plans are being made to build a “prayer house” on that vacant lot.

Thank you all for your fervent prayer and faithful support. Your relief donations are now strengthening disaster survivors to become catalysts of revival and reconstruction in those stricken areas. May God’s strong arms continuously carry these victims and the relief workers serving them. 🙏

*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.*



**Fran Ueda**

