

Taiwan

Jesus is building His Church in Taiwan, not brick by brick, but person by person. Several months ago, I had the privilege of helping a sixteen-year-old in our youth group pray to receive salvation. My heart was also encouraged when three non-Christians came to last year's Christmas Eve service for the first time, and then came back to our church the next morning for the regular morning worship service. That never happened before, as far as I can remember.



Karl and Kathy Schulz

While I am encouraged by these experiences, dear friends, I am also deeply disturbed by Satan's growing opposition to God's Church in Taiwan. High governmental leaders are attempting to reform laws so that homosexual marriages would be recognized, a stance which is silently opposed by the majority of the country. Many parents are not aware that their children are being taught in school that homosexual behavior is normal. People are afraid to express support for the biblical view, fearing they will be considered to be bigoted or homophobic.

The Christian community, about 5% of the population, has actively been seeking supporters for a referendum with Christian values, a stand vehemently opposed by many in government. Last year in December, 200,000 people held legal demonstrations upholding Christian ethics, with practically no media coverage. One week later, masses of younger people who held liberal, unbiblical views, held a rally that was positively reported in the media. Never in my 23 years in Taiwan have I seen the media so directly disparage our faith and be outright militant about enforcing pro-homosexual rights. In their eyes, they are fighting a moral crusade and it is mainly Christians who stand in their way.

Is this perhaps God's way of waking up the Church of God in Taiwan to take a bolder stand, and for parents to teach their children more diligently the truths in God's Word? Will it become "hate speech" to preach about the biblical view of sexuality? I implore you to join us as we storm the Gates of Heaven so that the gates of hell will not prevail over God's Church in Taiwan. Thank you! 

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Dear LCM Prayer Warriors,

**“Life is not long enough
for everything!”**

A 19th Century British medical missionary to China, Dr. Frederick Roberts, made this wise observation. In the present 21st century, when Bucket Lists are in and no goal is impossible, we Christians must also be discerning. Jesus modeled this form of wisdom when at the end of His short 33 years on this earth He could say, “I have finished the work You gave me to do.” Finished? There were sick, blind, and leprosy patients to His right and left needing attention, towns that still hadn't been visited, and Greeks coming to His disciples asking for an interview. Finished, Jesus said?

Life may not be long enough for *everything*, but it certainly is long enough to do what the Lord desires of us! “...*the work You gave me to do...*” is the key. When we obey the Spirit's voice, we know what we should do, and what we should leave. As we do *His* work, we are satisfied in Him and blessings can flow out of our lives to nations far beyond our borders.

Our heartfelt thanks to EACH of you, who has blessed the missionaries of LCM by enabling them to bring the Gospel message of love and forgiveness, growth and victory to the people of Japan, Taiwan and Southeast Asia. May God richly reward you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! **CROSSroads 2017** will be here before we know it! YWAM church planter **Brian Hogan**, will share from his heart and decades of experience as a former missionary to Mongolia and PERSPECTIVES staff member, Friday through Sunday, **September 29 ~ October 1** at Fellowship Conference Center. Come and you will be blessed, challenged, and motivated. More information to follow!

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

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Japan



Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer

Mountain-Moving Faith

“You will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Matthew 17:20 ESV

Three years ago, construction company officials approached us about our property in connection with their plan to build a new subdivision with over 300 housing units. The construction would involve removing the lovely tall trees that surround our building. However, we feared that someday heavy rainfall could cause a landslide and destroy not only those trees, but our entire property. After much thought and prayer, we accepted the offer, but no response came from the company. Should we continue to pray about this building project? We realized that its completion would attract young families with children to our area and we could reach them with the Gospel. Despite the rapid decline of the birthrate in Japan, 30 children already regularly attend our meetings. In addition, construction would make structural changes to the terrain, and landslides would no longer be a serious threat.



Last fall at the LCM CROSSroads 2016 conference in Liberty Corner, we asked you to intercede with us about this project. Amazingly, an email came within a few hours after sharing our request with you! After two years of silence, the construction company asked us to restart the negotiation process with them. Christian professionals met with us and gave us sound advice. We signed the contract after Christmas. The first mountains had begun to move!

The noise of the heavy construction machinery has been extremely loud, but we are excited about the positive changes being made to our property and location. Now that the tops of the first mountains of earth have been moved, our church building is already visible from far away. We will soon erect a new cross on our property that will shine as a beacon of hope and victory to the new subdivision. Our Lord is alive! He is moving these mountains and hills for His glory and for the salvation of His people. Thank you very much for your prayers. We cannot emphasize enough how important they are.

Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer have been serving at Yamanomachi Christian Church in northern Kobe since April 2009. Let us pray with them for a great harvest of souls as they watch mountains move!

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Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Psalm 126:6 NIV

In mid-December 2016, our church joined with three other churches and held a Christmas celebration. About 1,000 people showed up for the event. We enjoyed good food, singing, fun, and games followed by a message by Dr. Lien. He is a missionary doctor who has served in Africa for over 10 years. The message that he brought at the celebration was simple, but very powerful. We could sense that Dr. Lien genuinely loves others in the way that Jesus commanded us in His Word.

To my great joy, my sister came to this Christmas celebration with me. She arrived on time and even brought two friends along. Perhaps she thought they would help her feel more comfortable in that unfamiliar setting. Praise the Lord that all three seemed to have a good time.

Finally, toward the end of the celebration, we heard the message from Dr. Lien. My sister listened attentively. Then came the moment when she bowed her head with her eyes closed and hands held together. I thought she might be inwardly crying out to God, but I wasn't sure. When the altar call came after the message, I gently asked her if she wanted to accept the invitation to go forward and to accept Jesus as her Savior. After a brief moment of hesitation, she said YES! Even though I was thrilled to see her finally open her heart to Jesus, I was not prepared for this surprise. The Lord knew how much I needed His grace and encouragement that day! For years I had prayed and shed tears over my sister's need of salvation. He can do a miracle even when we are not expecting one!

Greatly encouraged, I hosted a party on Christmas Eve for non-believers. I did not want to miss this great opportunity to tell about Jesus. What a joy it is to share about Jesus with people who have never heard of Him. Thank you for your prayer and all you do to make it possible for me to share the Gospel in Taiwan.

Emily Chao, an LCM missionary to her own people of Taiwan since January 2015, lives and works in Taipei. There she is dorm-mother to female high school students and helps in many church and outreach ministries.



Emily Chao



Japan

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season.

II Timothy 4:2 NASB

It's been six years since the devastating earthquake and tsunami ended 19,000 lives in Northeast Japan, causing many more thousands of families to face the devastating loss of their relatives, homes, income, education, relationships and fortitude.

Initially, volunteers, including many Christians from both Japan and international communities, worked diligently among the victims in stricken areas. It was the very first contact many had ever had with Christians, most of whom left a sweet fragrance of Jesus behind through their untiring relief efforts. As a result, some accepted Jesus as Savior.

When the immediate needs of the population had been met, many Christian organizations withdrew their workers. The devastation of March 2011 became only a dim memory. We at Kotakemukaijara Christian Church offered survival support from the outset and until now, continue with recovery assistance. We established good relationships with victims and have ascertained what their needs are. For one community, anxiety and loneliness are chronic and many hearts remain desperately wounded. For others, huge apartment houses are being built, into which young families are settling, forming new neighborhoods. Old communities have been replaced by new social structures. Superficially, this vitality is encouraging. A deeper look reveals hurting, scarred and isolated victims. Both communities are groping for true peace and security. We desire to reach both these groups. They are searching for a firm foundation, and that Rock is Jesus, our Savior!

The Lord responded to our desire to lead them to the Rock by enabling us to rent a house in Sendai to open a support center/church plant. In June, **Shinya and Michiyo Fujita** from our Tokyo church will move 230 miles to the northeast in order to live in this house and share the hopeful Gospel of Jesus. Please pray that they will be bold and loving in their witness!

Thank you for your intercession and gifts! Anyone wishing to financially support this new church plant, please indicate this with the word "tsunami" on your donation. May God bless each of you as you cling to the Rock!

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