

Twice a week I offer an English Bible Class in the High Security Prison in Hualien. It is always a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word with people who have lost their freedom and have no hope for the future. One day, a smiling prisoner named James was waiting for me when I arrived. "Missionary," he said, "I almost can't believe it, but after 18 years I am going home today. I could hug the whole world! I will be set free today, but actually in my heart I was already set free by Jesus a few years ago when I invited Christ into my life and was baptized. Since then I am a new man with different values. God has changed my life."




Sister Monika Gottschild

James went on to say, "Today, the day for which I was waiting so long, has come and I am full of joy. I also am full of fear because I know I can't make it out there by myself. I don't want to lose what Jesus has given me. Can you send me some addresses of churches? I need to go to church. And would you please pray that people in the church would accept and help me?" Dear mission friends, please join me in praying for James, that God would help him to step out in faith and grow as a Christian.

This English Bible Class is not just a class to learn English. It is rather a time when these men can experience that we have a living God who cares about us and provides for us. Every time I walk into the class room my prayer is, "Lord, touch their hearts and let them see You!"

Over thirty years of experience as a missionary in Taiwan have taught me the importance of living out the Gospel by sharing our lives with people, and showing them the love of God. The Lord can use us to lead the lost to Himself, who then will fulfill His promise found in John 8:36,

"If the Son sets you free, you are truly free!"

Dear mission friends, thank you for your partnership in our ministry, and for your prayers and faithful support. God bless you! 

Sister Monika Gottschild, senior missionary of 31 years, serves the residents and staff of "Bethesda"- Home for Challenged Children and Adults, in Hualien, Taiwan. With a heart for those who have no voice in society, she also reaches out to inmates at a local prison.



**THOUGH HE IS DEAD,
HE STILL SPEAKS.**

Hebrews 11:4

Dear prayer partners,

Both husband and wife of faithful LCM supporters recently were taken by the Lord to their heavenly home, just nine months apart. Because of their desire to reach the lost for Jesus, before they passed, they remembered God's work on foreign shores by bequeathing to Liberty Corner Mission a portion of their estate. This gift will enable our missionaries abroad to speak of God's love, tell of Christ's sacrifice, and offer His grace and salvation to those who are still afar off. I marvel as I recall the above Scripture, spoken about Abel, the second son born to Adam and Eve. **"Though he is dead, he still speaks."** We can say the same of this couple, whose gift is enabling them, even though they are dead, to still speak of God's love through missionaries and ministries of Liberty Corner Mission.

Our annual mission conference, **CROSSroads 2019**, is soon approaching on September 13-15, 2019! Please bathe this weekend in prayer and if you desire to be part of what God is doing in our world today, do join us! You will not regret attending!

It's time to build...in Tokyo! God has made it clear to Pastor Fran Ueda and the elders there, that the day of expansion and "strengthening the stakes" has come. Over the years, earthquakes have taken their toll and the resulting structural damage has rendered the building greatly compromised and unsafe. Also, the need for more space for ministry is indisputable. As Tokyo is the home base of all our ministries in Japan, this base must be secure for future growth and new church plants. Please pray with us for the needed funds to be gathered, and for His glory to be seen in Japan! For all of you who regularly support us, or those who help with these special projects, we heartily thank you today!

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

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Every summer at our church, we have special outreach called “Hallelujah Kids Summer Special”. For the past three years, the Short Term Missions (STM) Team from Rutgers Community Christian Church in New Jersey has been helping to make it possible. The American team members use creative methods to teach English to the children who come. It’s encouraging to see how our children learn how to speak simple sentences, memorize names of fruits, play games, and sing

hymns in English. The children are also always enthusiastic about the dramatized presentation of the Bible story that the team presents.

Even though there are lots of activities in which the children can participate, the atmosphere is very peaceful and the children feel comfortable enough to open up and share from their hearts. What encourages us is that as a result, we have also been able to have a closer relationship with the parents of these children. Both children and parents are already looking forward to seeing the STM group from Rutgers next summer!

Two years ago, the family of Ms. Y came to this gathering for the first time. Now they are coming to our church regularly once a month. Would you please pray with us that this whole family will come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord?

It’s true; our congregation is a definitely a “little flock”. We don’t have the resources or the people to do big things. Nevertheless, we trust the Lord to build His church here in Awara. He is with us and in us. He will provide everything we need. In His time, He will send people to work with us and will call people to Himself who will worship the true and living God with us. The work of our Lord is going forward here with the great help of your support and your faithful prayer. Thank you!

We rest on promises like this one:

**I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the Lord;
And they will be My people, and I will be their God,
for they will return to Me with their whole heart.**

Jeremiah 24:7

*After graduating from seminary in 2013, and after an internship in Tokyo, **Kazue Tanaka** joined Pastor **Rie Miura** in January 2014 at our church plant in Awara, Fukui. Tradition and religious customs reign in this provincial area, making Christianity unpopular and unwelcome here. Please pray for a spiritual breakthrough!*



Taiwan

When people come to know the Lord, it’s always glorious and exciting. On June 2, our church had the privilege of baptizing a mother and son together.

Ms. T. and her son live with her 92-year-old father and have had a troubled history. Growing up in a typical Taiwanese family, they worshipped various deities at



neighborhood temples. But ever since she was a young adult, Ms. T. had been plagued by what seemed to be demonic forces and manifestations. As is often the case, these afflicted people go from temple to temple to try to find a solution. Some of her symptoms were similar to those of epilepsy, so she also tried the western medicine route. Since many doctors do not give credence to anything except purely physical causes for medical problems, two doctors at different, well-respected hospitals tested Ms. T. extensively. Both concluded that she did not have epilepsy.

Someone introduced her to us, and after getting to know her, we discovered that there seemed to be a demonic source to her problems. Our assistant has had more contact to Ms. T. and her son than I, but one day when I was present she just could not bring herself to say “Jesus is Lord” and went into what seemed to be convulsions. After invoking the name of Jesus and commanding the evil spirits to leave her, she was able to smile and confess Jesus, not only as Savior, but gradually and firmly, as her Lord. She then expressed her strong desire to be baptized. Normally, we would wait until the next appointed time for baptism, but this was a special case, so we held the baptismal service at an earlier date. As of this writing, she and her son have come to church every Sunday since their baptism, have been warmly welcomed into our church, and continue to receive individualized spiritual care. Please pray with us that Ms. T. will keep the door of her old life shut while continually seeking Jesus, the only source of peace and eternal life. In a future article, I’ll tell you more about her son. Thank you for your prayer for us and those to whom we minister. 🙏

Karl and Kathy Schulz, in Taiwan since 1993, serve in Taoyuan, near Taipei. Karl is a church planter and Field Leader of LCM Taiwan. Karl and Kathy have three children, Aurora and Ben (with Yvonne) in Taiwan, and David, who is studying in the USA.



Karl and Kathy Schulz

Japan

Greetings in Christ! I am so excited to be able to share with all of you what God has been doing in Japan recently. My name is Jessica Wang, and I am partnering with both Liberty Corner Mission and my home church Rutgers Community Christian Church (RCCC) in New Jersey to complete a six-month missions assignment in Japan. During my stay here, I will be living in Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church in Tokyo, but will be visiting the other ministry locations in Kobe, Awara, and Sendai as well!

My trip began with the Short Term Missions Team from RCCC on July 8, when we flew from Newark, NJ to Osaka, Japan. From there we carried out four ministry events in the church branches I mentioned above. Some of our activities included playing American games in the Summer Festivals, teaching English through songs and skits, and spending time in fellowship



Jessica Wang



with children and parents alike. We were tremendously blessed by God by the number of attendees who showed up at each of the locations, to the point where both our hearts and churches overflowed with joy, literally!

Since the RCCC Short Term Missions Team returned to the States two weeks ago, I have begun the next portion of my journey, which involves staying here in Tokyo by myself. Even if I have to adjust

to life here and to overcome many language barriers, I thank God each day for this precious opportunity to serve the Japanese people. While I am here I will be teaching English classes weekly at church for young children, high school/university students, and adults. Through these classes, I pray that God will bring in many non-Christians whom I can get to know better and befriend, even if I cannot speak their language!

Although my journey has just begun, I know that God is already at work in this country and that He has many wonderful things in store for the people here who do not know Him yet. Please pray that God will continue to use me and show me how I can serve Him and those around me each day. Thank you for your support and prayers! 🙏

Liberty Corner Mission enlists short-term volunteer missionaries who assist and serve alongside career and national missionaries. Jessica Wang is one such short-term missionary and we rejoice that God has called her to join us. May she grow in faith and may much eternal fruit result from her service!