

Jesus said, **“What you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.”** These are not just mere words which are written on one of our buildings in Bethesda, where we care for over one hundred special needs children and adults. Our Christian co-workers see each resident as one of God’s treasures. Many of our youth grew up in Bethesda and it always amazes me how God’s love has healed their wounded hearts and changed their lives.



Sister Monika Gottschild

Our social workers, our principal, and I make regular visits to the families of our residents. We want to understand their backgrounds, offer our help, and show love to their families who often struggle to love and accept their disabled children just as they are.



Last month, we went to a small village to the family of one of our boys who would soon return home to live with his mother and two brothers. My heart cried out to God when I saw how poor the living situation was, without even

a bed for the returning boy. Pain, shame, fatigue and sorrow were written on the mother’s face. We spent a long time listening to her and she told us about her life, failures and hopes. Together with the mother, we made a plan for how she would clean up a place in the back of the house and make a small room for the boy, and we would return later with some much-needed furniture for it. The look on her face showed us that our offer to help sounded too good to be true, but many Bethesda volunteers gladly helped us keep our promise to her.

Dear mission friends, pray that this act of love will open this mother’s heart for the Lord. Pray also that her son, who is returning home from Bethesda, will keep in his heart what he has learned about Jesus and will pray with his mother and brothers.

At Bethesda we continually reach out to residents, co-workers, guests, families and volunteers. Thank you for helping us through your prayers and support so we can see people’s needs and love them well in Jesus’ name. 🙏

Sister Monika Gottschild, senior missionary of 32 years, serves the residents and Staff of “Bethesda” - Home for Challenged Children and Adults, in Hualien, Taiwan. Sister Monika’s heart beats and her life speaks for those who have no voice in society.



**“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world.”**

John 16:33

One century ago, the world had to deal with a pandemic. Between 1918-1920, an estimated seventeen to fifty million people died worldwide from the Spanish Flu. Today, in spite of all the advances in medicine and technology, we are still feeling paralyzed by this tiny coronavirus. A disaster like this often tends to unite people to share the challenges together. However, this is not what we are experiencing today. Protesting, rioting, and bickering are tearing apart our country. Based on the description in Scripture, one of the characteristics of the end times is “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,” Matthew 24:7. The word “nation” is translated from the Greek word “ethnos” which literally means ethnic group. In other words, racial tension is one of the signs of the end times. Once we recognize these signs, we have to interpret our current situations through the lens of Scripture and the Gospel, and respond to it in a godly way, based on biblical principles and promises. I believe we, the body of Christ today, are chosen to shine His light, to bring His peace to this broken world.

It has been my great joy and privilege over the years of seeing first-hand during several mission trips how our LCM emissaries in Japan and Taiwan are shining the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ. Because of their faithfulness and your prayer and financial support, together we are bringing the message of hope and peace to a broken world and helping to build the unshakable Kingdom of our Lord, until He comes again in great power and glory.

Gratefully,

Michael Chen

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Fran Ueda

“See, I have delivered Jericho into your hand...”

March around the city once with all the armed men...

Then the wall of the city will collapse...”

Joshua 6:2, 3, 5

Our Lord God is more faithful than we can imagine! Our church started Sunday Worship in Tokyo in 1983 in a small rented house. After another move, God enabled us in 1994 to purchase our present building. This was made possible through prayer and the sacrificial giving of our little flock of about thirty young people, and through the generous support of many of you!

With a 50-seat capacity, this old renovated house soon also became too small. In 2000, God led us to purchase the land next to our property and to enlarge the old church building, doubling the size of our church sanctuary.

However, our building stands at the end of a narrow cul-de-sac, not facing any main road. Another more serious problem we face is the perilous structural damage to our building by earthquakes. One day, the Lord challenged me to **“march around”** our block and ask Him for one of the adjacent properties facing a main street, so that we might expand our base for evangelism, discipleship training, and for sending out church planters.

We believe now is the time to rebuild His church. Imagine, a neighbor came to tell me that his property is up for sale! It was not the house for which I had prayed, but one adjacent to it, facing the same main street. After our church members had gathered on Zoom to wait on the Lord, He confirmed that we should accept the challenge to expand our edifice by two properties! We purchased one property offered to us by that neighbor. The second one, with its crucial location, is not yet available for purchase, nor do we have the necessary funds. Please pray that the Lord’s will be done and for His provision for every aspect of this huge undertaking.

As the demolition team rolled in, tearing down the old house we had purchased, my mind and soul were struck with His Word, **“Then the wall of the city will collapse.”** There are many walls which must still come down, the greatest being the wall of unbelief in the Japanese heart. **“I have delivered Jericho into your hand...”** is a word to which we cling! Thank you for your believing prayer and support! 🙏

Fran Ueda has served under LCM since 1981. She is Pastor of Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church in Tokyo and Director of LCM Japan. Under the direction and guidance of the Lord, she and Sister Maria Baha planted this church, and He ALONE has given the increase.

Taiwan

Wen Yong has been a part of our church for about ten years. He came to us in a state in which many people find themselves: inwardly broken, and looking for a better way of life. He had been a very successful car salesman, but the price of that lifestyle was two failed marriages and financial debt. He had made a confession of faith at another church, but was not very grounded in the things of God at the time. We would sometimes take hikes together, and it was then that I got to know him better and could talk about faith and its implications for our daily lives. I encouraged him to read the Word to grow in the Lord, but it was a slow start. He did, however, attend church regularly. After a while, he married a woman from our church who had a similar background. The newlyweds spent most of their time in China where he worked as an auto sales manager, joining the over one million Taiwanese who also work there.

For most of the next several years I kept in regular contact with Wen Yong, praying with him and encouraging him in his walk with Jesus. Because he was away most of the time, he did not have any consistent ministry in our church.



Then late last year he made the decision to return to Taiwan permanently. This time, he turned down lucrative job offers that would have required him to work on Sundays, the most important sales day of the week. He has become an usher, attends a cell group, and is an all-around helper and encourager! I am hoping that he will eventually become my assistant cell group leader, but we wait on the Lord for His guidance.

Wen Yong’s life is a work in progress, just like all of us are. Thank you for supporting us as we pray, believe and work to help Wen Yong be all that God wants him to be. It is comforting for both him and us to know,

“He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6 🙏

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



Karl and Kathy Schulz

Japan

It was Christmas of 2014. We distributed over one thousand flyers in our neighborhood, inviting people to church and praying that someone would be introduced to the Savior. Only one person responded to our invitation. And Mr. K. was that man!

This year, five years later, Mr. K was baptized on Easter Sunday. We weren’t sure if we could gather for his baptism due to the Corona pandemic, but a few church members attended the service and baptismal ceremony. We couldn’t hold a reception afterwards to celebrate his new-found faith in Jesus, as everyone returned home immediately. I do know that we all had sensed the Lord’s presence in a particularly special way as we gathered.



Mr. K, a medical doctor, does not express his emotions easily. Yet that day, we were so glad to witness his deep appreciation and joy.

According to the testimony he gave, he had tried to study the Bible while in middle school and even went to church. However, it became hard for him to attend, as he got home too late and so was not able to go regularly. He liked to read and listen to stories from many sources, but not

being from a Christian home, he never realized that some of them were from the Bible. It was not until later that he understood these biblical narratives. He also realized that the timing of events in our lives is always according to God’s plan. God leads us to our salvation through a variety of circumstances of which we are not aware. This was his time!

I personally am learning not to be discouraged when our service does not produce immediate change. What we do and say will be used by God **in His time**. We should never give up, but keep pressing on. In Isaiah 55:11 we read,

So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire...

Thank you for your support and intercession, especially for Mr. K! Do continue to pray for his growth as a newer believer, and for the salvation of his family! Thank you! 🙏

Rie Miura is a church planter in Awara, Fukui Prefecture, about five hours by train from Tokyo. Life in the rural areas of Japan is steeped in cultural and traditional religious customs, causing a strong resistance to the Gospel message. Please pray that Pastor Rie and her little flock will be salt and light to many in that dark, difficult region.



Rie Miura