



With love and thanks to all who have prayed and supported us in Hualien! ~ from Sister Monika and all the residents in BETHESDA – Home for Challenged Children and Adults

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



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May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine on us – so that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

Psalm 67:1- 2

Friends and Partners of LCM,

How inspiring is it that this psalmist didn’t want to receive and keep the favor and blessing of God for himself! We look at our disease-ridden world and become disheartened, and to the political scene and feel helpless. As beloved, redeemed children of God, when we spend time seeking His face we gain perspective and receive grace and power to actively help make known His ways and His salvation. “Shine, Jesus shine!” becomes our heart’s song for our neighborhoods, our nation, our world.

So many wrote to tell us they missed our annual mission conference CROSSroads 2020 (cancelled due to Covid), so planning has begun for CROSSroads 2021. **David Flynn** from **Center for Mission Mobilization** has again graciously agreed to be our keynote speaker. As his ministry is headquartered in Peru, we prayerfully seek open borders for **September 17~19, 2021**. Mark the date! If you come, you’ll be blessed and motivated!

Do pray for the **building project in Tokyo**, that an adequate and safe facility for the home base of all LCM’s ministry outreaches in Japan may be provided. Pray also for the dire need in Hualien, Taiwan, for **five teachers at Bethesda** ~ Home for Challenged Children and Adults. LCM is also looking for **career missionaries** for Japan and Taiwan. Join us in beseeching the Lord of the Harvest!

Again, our sincere thanks for all your support, both financial and through believing prayer! Together we are making His ways known and bringing salvation to the nations!

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

Sister Maria Baha, Director, LCM USA, www.LCMissionUSA.com



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Japan



Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer

This year's beautiful Christmas display in front of our church is a reminder of the amazing work of the Holy Spirit. In September, when the number of Covid-19 cases in Japan had decreased, the handbell choir started rehearsing for our annual Christmas presentation. Although our sanctuary can seat sixty people, the Holy Spirit soon convinced us that it would not be wise in 2020 to host a service inside our church building.



Our congregation continued to pray about other possibilities. One idea was to have the choir and other participants stand on our newly built deck on our property's south side which overlooks a space where one hundred people could be seated. We became excited about the ideas we had of making it a unique family outreach event this Christmas.

Yet again the Holy Spirit spoke powerfully to us the next Sunday through the message from Acts 16:9. He told us clearly to abandon this new idea as well. Instead, He urged us to prayerfully plan events for a Christmas light display on our church's north side. Confirmation of this idea came when a construction company offered to remove an old brick wall on that north side, because it was on the verge of collapsing. In addition, the foreman donated to our display three tons of gravel and a set of reindeer and snowmen.

Since the beginning of Advent, our Christmas display of lights shines brightly into the neighborhood. One thousand invitations to view this special pageant were distributed. Carols are played from speakers near the manger, depicting the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Small gifts will also be distributed. We won't be able to sing or enter the building as in previous years; yet in the stillness, we seek to connect with people as they enjoy the display of lights, pine trees, ornaments and figurines. Some families have already found their way to us for the first time ever! We humbly rejoice, knowing the Holy Spirit is mightily at work, bringing people closer to the Savior, even in this difficult year. We are very grateful for your faithful prayer and support for us. 🙏

Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer have been serving at Yamanomachi Christian Church in northern Kobe since 2009. Because of Covid, innovative ways to reach their neighbors with the Gospel message have been inspired by the Lord and implemented! Now comes the harvest!

Taiwan

Mr. D is the father of H, a woman who accepted the Lord in our church a few years ago and is a faithful believer, currently in training to be a cell group leader. I first met Mr. D about 2 years ago at a relative's funeral, when he was still employed as a cleaner. At the time, he told his daughter "We don't believe in foreign religions." His health began to deteriorate earlier this year,

and by August he was too weak to continue working. It was around that time that H invited me to her father's house, and he was willing to talk and receive Christian prayer. We assumed that it was the first time in his life he had been prayed for in the name of Jesus, but then Mr. D opened up and told us that he had gone to Sunday School for a while when he was a child. Even his daughter didn't know about this part of his life's story.

About two weeks later, Mr. D's condition worsened and I realized that the time to reach him with the Gospel might be slipping away. I visited him, explained the Gospel, and he committed his life to Christ and was baptized right there in his living room. Since that time, I have seen a change in him. When H goes to see him, they pray together, and he looks forward to her visits. He has since been diagnosed with at least two types of cancer, but seems nevertheless to be a bit stronger. H told me that the atmosphere at home is now much better. There is more harmony among family members, and our assistant Mrs. Loh meets with some of them for Bible study on Wednesday evenings.



H was the first in her family to receive Jesus, and now more and more of her relatives have come to faith. Although her father may never again be well enough to attend our church services, he is in the Kingdom of God and that is reason to celebrate! Thank you for supporting us as we minister to people like H and her family. 🙏

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, Ben (married to Yvonne) in Taiwan, and David and Aurora in the USA.



Karl and Kathy Schulz

Japan

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

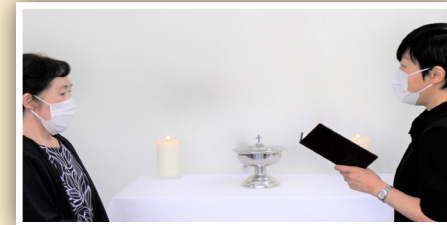
Romans 8:28

Thank you all for your prayer and financial support for our ministry in Sendai, Japan! We know we could not be here doing this service for Jesus without your help.



Michiyo & Shinya Fujita

Because of the pandemic, we had to temporarily stop gathering for worship in our church in order to maintain social distancing. Since our sanctuary is so small, only a few people would have been allowed to come. After we resumed regular worship service, new seekers joined us!



Ms. I, a baptized member of our church, brought her mother with her, to whom she had been witnessing. Mrs. I was a survivor of the 2011 tsunami disaster. After the worship service, this 80-year old mother confessed her faith in Jesus, began to study the Word in preparation for baptism, and was baptized on June 14th. During the time she couldn't

leave her home because of Covid restrictions, she would write a Bible verse in Japanese calligraphy each morning, overflowing with gratitude to the Lord. Do intercede for her continued growth.

Ms. I's friend, Ms. U, attended the baptism ceremony of Ms. I's mother. She was a strong Shinto believer at that time. However, during this present pandemic, she realized that Shinto could not help her. She has since been studying the Bible and has become a believer in our living and true God. At Christmas Ms. U will be baptized.

The Lord also granted mercy to my father-in-law, for whose salvation we had been praying. His lung cancer had metastasized and he was on hospice at home when we visited him in July. He was able to clearly acknowledge his faith in God and in Jesus Christ His Son, and was baptized there on his bed of pain. In December he went to his eternal home.

How indebted we are to our great God for His abundant grace and mercy! Our hearts are filled with gratitude and determination to serve Him to the end! 🙏

Michiyo Fujita, with her husband Shinya, left the comforts of their Tokyo home to live among the tsunami survivors of Sendai. As a tent-maker, Shinya not only supports his wife's ministry, but has made it his own. The Fujitas have two adult daughters.