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After he was released from prison, Martin began looking for a church to attend. He trusted in Jesus as his Savior while incarcerated, was baptized, and knew he now needed a local church home in which to worship, fellowship and grow in the Lord. How utterly astonished he was to meet his old high school sweetheart in a church he visited, as she was preparing for baptism! And how overjoyed Julie was to know her former boyfriend had found the same Jesus she had come to love and



Sister Monika Gottschild

follow! After their marriage, they were very active in their church. They had much assurance that it was God who had brought them together.



One day they both came to me and asked for prayer. They wanted to open a business together. It seemed out of reach at that time, but they did not give up their dream.

When God is leading, He steps in and miracles happen. In spring of this year, Julie and Martin opened a hair salon! Their desire is to use this location not just for business, but also to share God's love with their customers. Julie became a Christian because her boss in a hairdressing salon shared the Gospel with his patrons. He had prayed with Julie and invited her to church. In the same way, both Julie and Martin long to be used of Jesus. Please pray that God's Kingdom will grow through the witness of this young couple.



Dear friends, thank you for carrying the burden of our prison ministry, and for your partnership in the Gospel as we witness to the inmates. Thank you also for giving Bethesda a place in your heart, and for your continued prayer and support for our children and young people. 🙏

Sister Monika Gottschild, veteran missionary of 33 years, serves the residents and staff of "Bethesda"- Home for Challenged Children and Adults, in Hualien, Taiwan. In reaching out to inmates at a local prison, she also joys in sharing God's love and salvation with them.



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Acts 16:9



Dear Friends of LCM,

"The need is not the call" is a clear word the Lord taught me as a young Christian. If it were, each of us who knows the Lord would be pulled in many diverse directions, for we are surrounded on all sides by human need. No, the call is greater, is more specific, is initiated by God Himself, and yields fruit for eternity. In addition, it brings joy and personal fulfillment.

In Acts chapter 16, we find Paul looking for direction, but twice the Holy Spirit blocks his way. Then he hears the call, coming from a man he sees in a vision by night. "Come over to Macedonia and help us," the man from Greece pleads. Yes, this is it! Paul knows within his spirit that it is the Lord who is calling him! He neither doubts, nor rationalizes, but concludes: It is the Lord! We're not told whether he even considered his personal likes and dislikes. Paul and his companions simply obey. Immediately they went. God opened the heart of a business woman there, and then a prison warden, and their families were also saved. The church at Philippi was birthed and, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

Our LCM missionaries have been following their vocational calling from the Lord as well as the call that comes time and again from Him to respond to certain situations. Fran Ueda recently celebrated her 40th anniversary of service with LCM with gratitude to the One who has called her, actively led her, sustained her and richly blessed her ministry. Paul wrote with great conviction in 1 Thessalonians 5:24, **"Faithful is He who calls you; He will surely do it."** May these words comfort and mobilize you as you answer the Lord's call in your life and service for Him, in whatever form that may be. Words cannot adequately express how much we appreciate your willingness to answer the call to lovingly and prayerfully support our missionaries and ministries of Liberty Corner Mission. Great is His faithfulness, and yours!

In Christ and for Christ,

Sister Maria

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Kobe



Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer

For many years an elderly couple in our neighborhood has refused to greet us. We have often met on our narrow street, but each time they glance away rather than return our friendly “Hello”. Yet we have never given up hope. Last year, we did yard work in a large empty lot in front of their home. We even fixed their entrance so that the approach to their parking garage would become more easily accessible. Still, their hearts did not change.

This past spring, their daughter and her family moved back into their parents’ home. At the Summer Kids Festival, she was introduced to us for the first time by another mother who also attended our program. Gradually we have become good friends with this young family. Their two children, 1 and 4 years old, love seeing us when we meet in the neighborhood. They have even come to church and attended our service! The father, a nuclear energy engineer, has a great interest in English. He often comes alone to our worship and chats with us afterwards.

In December, we are again constructing an Advent Illumination Park on our church property, an undertaking which involves a lot of work. This father came with his children to help! Together they crafted one of the little houses that soon will be on display. A model train will circle around a miniature neighborhood, which includes a church with its nativity scene in the center.

Will this elderly couple join their daughter and family and come at Christmas? We pray they will take their first steps into the Lord’s house and thus remove their negative feelings toward us. We also pray that many of our neighbors will accept our widely distributed invitation. The principal of a local kindergarten plans to bring her 40 children and staff to visit our church’s Advent Illumination Park. We are excited about all

these positive signs from our neighbors. We rejoice in hope, as we have been exhorted by the Apostle Paul.

Thank you very much for your prayers and donations in this year. We wish you a blessed Christmas with a rich harvest for Jesus!

Andy and Shoko Pfeiffer have been serving at Yamanomachi Christian Church in northern Kobe since April 2009. Because of Covid-19, inventive ways to reach their neighbors with the Gospel message have been inspired by the Lord and implemented! Now comes the harvest!

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

II Timothy 2:2

Three evangelistic outreaches! Each was planned and carried out by one of the three cell groups in our church! Normally, we sponsor just one larger evangelistic church event, but because many people in Taiwan still are cautious under the cloud of Covid-19, we decided to keep each outreach on a smaller scale. New people would be more likely to attend a gathering if there were fewer people present.



Each cell group conducted its own event at different locations. One of the groups was able to prearrange the use of a small restaurant owned by a Christian, about 45 minutes away. There they were served a meal, followed by a time of worship. The climax of the evening was the moving testimony of a former prisoner, converted by the power of the Gospel, who was a

friend the owners of the restaurant. Another group used one of the members’ out-of-town dealership locations, not far from the ocean. After playing on the beach and being blessed by the magnificence of the setting sun, they enjoyed an outdoor barbeque, singing together, and a pertinent Gospel message. The third group met at our church, where they dined, viewed a Christian film, and established relationships with the non-Christians present. Each cell group had unbelievers attending, and we prayerfully anticipate God’s Spirit to continue His work in their hearts. May many of these unbelievers come to a saving faith in Jesus.

In retrospect, the decision to have separate cell group outreach events was actually good, because each individual group was responsible to make its own event a success by planning, praying, and working. This helps to further establish a cell group church culture, which is where we want to go. When individuals take personal responsibility in reaching their friends and relatives, God’s Kingdom grows. May this vision be more and more realized in our church! Please pray to this end. Thank you so much for all your prayer and faithful financial support!

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

In September 2018, Mr. K believed in Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized. At that time, I shared with him God’s promise in Acts 16:31, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”** We prayed for the salvation of his family who seemed to have little interest in God and spiritual things.

Mr. K’s wife had been working at a Christian nursery school for over ten years. She was familiar with the Bible and attended worship with the children every day, but didn’t believe in her heart what she was hearing about the Lord. To her, attending these meetings was just a part of her job.



Yet through several major trials in her life, God’s love led her to be saved! The first was through the disappearance of her elderly mother, who suffers from dementia. As Mrs. K desperately searched for her, she also asked Christian friends to pray. One friend said, “Don’t worry. **God is waiting for you, and is holding your mother’s hand.**” Later that night, her mother was found. Someone had noticed the anxious state of this woman late at night and kept her safe. Later Mrs. K said,

“God was really **waiting for me while holding my mother’s hand!**”

Another trial was the painful experience of being betrayed by someone she had trusted with all her heart. Through her grief, anger, and unspeakable suffering, she realized that only God’s unchangeable and unfailing love, which had been poured out from the Cross, was worthy of her trust. From that time on, the words of the Bible became the power of her life and salvation.

God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

With great joy and thanksgiving, she was baptized in June 2021. I also congratulated her husband by saying, “Mr. K, God’s promises are true and will be fulfilled.”

Thank you for all your prayer and support for Tokyo! Please pray also that the 8 and 17 year-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. K will also come to faith in Jesus!

Fran Ueda Fran Ueda has faithfully served under LCM for forty years in various leadership capacities. She is Senior Pastor of Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church in Tokyo. In her capacity as Director of LCMJapan, she oversees our indigenous church planters and to helps recruit and train new Kingdom servants.



Fran Ueda