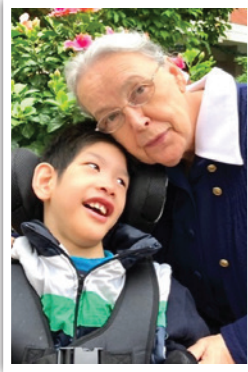


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From 1988 until November 2023, **Sister Monika Gottschild** faithfully served the Lord and the people of Taiwan in **Bethesda~Home for Challenged Children & Adults** in Hualien, on the East Coast of Taiwan. She brought the children, adult residents and staff of Bethesda love, joy and hope. She brought them Christ. On paper, Sister Monika is now officially retired. Nevertheless, she still continues untiringly to bring people that same love, joy, and hope through Jesus Christ.



Sister Monika Gottschild

As I thought about leaving Bethesda in Hualien, Taiwan to move back to Germany, Psalm 92:1 always came to mind:

**I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

After 35 years of living and ministering in *Bethesda*, the residents and staff were like family to me. Together we witnessed the Lord's many wonderful deeds. For our residents, *Bethesda* is home—the place where they, often for the first time in their lives, felt love and acceptance, and received an education and therapy. How grateful we are for our staff who share God's love with them, helping them to understand that to their Heavenly Father, they are very precious. It always amazed me to see how God used our children to be a blessing when they visited their families, or interacted with our Chinese volunteers, or with guests or government officials. One mother, who later joined our staff, was saved because her challenged daughter shared God's Word with her. A volunteer became a Christian because she had seen God's love in our residents. Our local Magistrate loves to visit us because, in her words, she always "feels peace when she's in *Bethesda*." Once, when the former Mayor of Hualien came to visit and met our residents, one of them spontaneously said to him, "We know you, we love you, and we pray for you!" May *Bethesda* always be a Lighthouse of God's love, joy and hope.

One highlight before I left Taiwan was witnessing the baptism of a man who knew us through his sister-in-law. He had attended many of our Christmas programs, and over the years, we had shared the Gospel with him and prayed for his salvation. After he was diagnosed with cancer, he finally opened his heart to the Lord Jesus, and asked his doctor, who is also a pastor, to baptize him. What a victory! My heart overflowed with joy and thankfulness after seeing yet one more of God's wonderful deeds through *Bethesda's* ministry.

Dear mission friends, your prayers and support have always encouraged me. I now pray that you would please continue to support *Bethesda* in the future. God bless you! 🙏

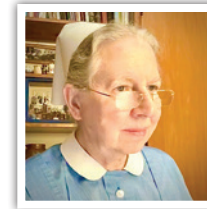
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**Preach the word; be ready in season
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Dear Friends of LCM,

Thank you for upholding our missionaries in prayer and through your financial support these many months, despite having received few updates from us. You have helped make it possible for them to preach the Word, when it was in season and when not.

Mirjam Wentland is finding grace for the adjustment to her new responsibilities in leading the ministry of *Bethesda~Home for Challenged Children and Adults*. **Sister Monika Gottschild** has returned to Germany, and though officially retired, remains active in ministry and in raising prayer and financial support for Bethesda when she's invited to speak in churches and other gatherings.

The construction of the **church sanctuary and mission headquarters in Tokyo** has progressed, with the dedication of this new building planned for October 14, 2024. Please pray for both safety of the builders and for provision of everything needed to complete this final phase of construction.

The health of **Fran Ueda** in Tokyo has marvelously improved after her surgery. Thank you for praying for her! Our brother and LCM appointee to Japan, **Michael Chen**, has serious health issues. Please faithfully intercede for Michael and his wife, **Cynthia**.

Please pray for the seven participants of the **Short-Term Missions endeavor from Rutgers** Community Christian Church. They will be serving in Japan in mid-July for three weeks. **Jeremy Yao**, our LCM missionary appointee to Japan, is leading this team.

The **Short-Term Mission group from Rockland** Chinese Alliance Church left for Taiwan July 9, to minister in Taiwan to the children and adults in *Bethesda* for two weeks. Please pray for lasting spiritual fruit as result of the loving service of the Rockland Church Team.

CROSSroads 2024 is fast approaching! Please mark September 13-15 on your calendar. How we would love to have you join us for rich blessings and a strong challenge from God's Word through His servant, **John LoRusso!** Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

Again, thank you for continuing to support LCM USA. Wherever and whenever we are serving our Lord, may we all seize every opportunity to share His precious Word with others!

In Christ and for Christ, *Sister Maria*

Sister Maria Baha, *Director, LCM USA*

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Tokyo, Japan

Do it all for the glory of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:31



Fran Ueda

Let us exalt the name of the Lord together!

Thank you for praying! And thank you for your support for our Tokyo project! The construction of the church building is progressing smoothly. I visit the construction site almost every day, and recently the skylight in the ceiling of the sanctuary came into view. Sunlight shone straight into the front of the sanctuary, making it a solemn place to worship our glorious God. We are looking forward to the day when we can once more all worship Him there together in person.

An acquaintance of mine recently remarked to me,

“A church building in Japan isn’t just a building; it’s a MISSION!”

As if to symbolize the meaning of that phrase, some months ago, a woman phoned us. She had seen the site where the church building was being constructed, and asked if she might visit us after the work was completed. Praise the Lord! If God is already using an empty, half-finished structure of concrete and steel, *in which His Spirit abides*, how much more will He use His Church Body who will worship there and lift high the name of Jesus!



The frequency of our meetings has been reduced due to the pandemic and the move to our temporary meeting place in a house. Nevertheless, our vision and expectation of the Lord’s work by His Spirit in this new structure after its completion soar with each passing day!

We will resume meetings for the elderly and children of our community as soon as possible. Our hope and prayer are that our beautiful new worship center will be a place where newcomers feel welcome and sense the Lord’s presence and His love for them. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would convict them of sin, and they would repent and be saved through faith in Jesus’ substitutionary death on the Cross.

This is our MISSION!

Fran Ueda has served under LCM since 1981. She is the Senior Pastor of Kotake Mukaihara Christian Church in Tokyo and Director of LCM Japan. Under the leadership and direction of the Lord, Pastor Fran and the congregation have accepted the enormous task of building an edifice to God’s glory, for the salvation of man and the training of His disciples. Lord willing, the dedication celebration will be held on October 14, 2024.

Taoyuan, Taiwan

May 19, 2024 was a day of blessing for our Chinese language church and the other churches founded by our missionaries. We celebrated the ordination of three long-term servants among us, changing their title from “preacher” to “pastor.” Usually in Taiwan, most full-time ministers begin their church ministry with the title of “preacher,” and then each denomination, group or independent church will ordain that person to “pastor” or some similar title after appropriate schooling and internship has been accomplished. Our group of affiliated churches has never had to ordain “preachers” before, because most new full-time ministers working with us had already been previously ordained at an established church. With this ordination celebration, we have set a new precedent.

One of the three who were ordained was **Mrs. Huijen Luo**, who has been serving at our church for sixteen years. During this time of training and assessment, we have been through a lot together, and the past few years have been especially positive, seeing personal and spiritual growth in her, as well as an ever-increasing effectiveness in her ministry to others. Her son and daughter have matured into adulthood, are very active in our church, having become shining lights for the rest of the congregation. Since the beginning of 2022, Pastor Luo (center of picture) and I have been taking turns preaching at our church. When I am out of the country (which is seldom), the responsibility falls on her. This has been a long time in coming, and it coincided with the timing of the ordination of two others in our association of churches.

All three have been reaching people for Jesus and making disciples for quite some time now. Their ordination was merely the public acknowledgement of these shepherding ministries.

We look forward to a fruitful ministry in and through the life of Pastor Luo as she uses her gifts and talents, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring people into a life-changing relationship with God through Jesus Christ, the ultimate Pastor and Shepherd of our souls. Thank you for praying for Pastor Luo, and for Kathy and me, as we continue to serve our Good Shepherd.

Karl and Kathy Schulz, in Taiwan since 1993, serve in Taoyuan, near Taipei. Karl pastors the church they planted and is Field Leader of LCM Taiwan. Karl and Kathy have three adult children.



Karl and Kathy Schulz



Sendai, Japan

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11



Michiyo and Shinya Fujita

Please pray for Mr. E!

Recently the roof leaked in our church building and a local roofer named **Mr. E** came to inspect the roof and make temporary repairs. During his break he told us his personal story. After graduating from a Christian college, he became a kindergarten teacher and eventually got married. On March 11, 2011, two weeks before his wife was due to give birth, the Great East Japan Earthquake hit our area. By God’s grace, his family and the kindergarten children all survived, but the kindergarten itself was swept away. In an instant, he lost the job he loved so much.

Mr. E. had to find employment to support his young family. He had no choice but to move with them into his parents’ house here in Sendai, and start working in the family business. His work included making general repairs to restore houses severely damaged by the tsunami. He tearfully shared from his heart, telling me how difficult both the work and his life have been these past years.

I told him that I teach part time at a YMCA nursery school, and that our church also has Sunday School. I then asked him if he would be willing to help with our Sunday School program. When he left that day, he said, “Please pray that these temporary repairs I made will help until I come to do the scheduled work later this month. I also promise to volunteer at your Sunday School.”

As the above verse says, God has good plans. I believe it was God’s plan to bring Mr. E. to our church to repair the roof! It is our sincere



prayer that he will come to know Jesus Christ personally and grow in grace. May coming to church to volunteer in Sunday School be a catalyst for his spiritual growth.

Thank you, dear friends, for your faithful prayer and financial support. You are helping to build His Kingdom in Japan!

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.