



Seeds of Grace

Reaching people, Planting churches... in Japan

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From the Editor

Greetings one and all!

This month, we would once again like to take the time to introduce some of our team members to you – Kin Fai and Celia. Kin Fai and Celia are working in the city Nagahama at Nagahama church. Earlier this year, they attended a T4T (training for trainers) conference and share about that as well. Please enjoy!

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News and Prayer Points

Earlier this month, one of the longest serving Japanese pastors in the SFDD, Pastor Nakazawa, passed away. Please pray for his family at this time. Please also pray for Megumi church, where Pastor Nakazawa had been pastoring.

At the end of last month, one of our workers, Seongjae, made the decision to leave WEC Japan and return home. Please pray for her future as she continues to seek God's direction for her life and follow where He leads.

We are nearing Christmas, a time of year when it seems to be just a little easier to share our message of joy and hope with the Japanese people, so please pray for the numerous, varying events and ministries planned around this time.

We praise the Lord for safe travel and good learning at Asiacon and the Japan CPI Conferences.



Kin Fai and Celia

Outreach Strategy

Last year, the strategy for evangelism that we followed was to join in groups that already existed in the city in order to make friends with non-Christians. Celia joined a sign language group, English class and Japanese class that were held by Nagahama city groups. Kin Fai joined a listening volunteer group to listen to the stories of elderly people in the day services centre. We joined different non-Christian groups that already existed, which helped us to get known a lot of non-Christians within these groups and provided opportunities to make use of the relationships that we had already built up within the group. Besides this, we also made use of the relationships with Christian members from the church and non-Christian friends to get to know people. We also kept a good relationship with the neighbours and our son's primary school teachers. Through these methods, we got to know many people in Nagahama. We always passed along the information about Nagahama church to invite them to attend the evangelical gathering. Some of them attended the church gathering.

T4T Method

We found that we could successfully invite people to join the church gathering, but after that we needed to wait, maybe a long time, for the next special gathering (e.g. Christmas). In January this year, Kin Fai attended a seminar about the T4T (Training for Trainers) church planting method. The idea of T4T can also apply to outreach. It is that we can share the Gospel, not just by inviting people to church to listen to the message, but also by sharing our testimony everywhere when we meet people. However, it is necessary to keep the testimony short since people are very busy and, if we share too long of a story, people may feel uncomfortable. The length of the testimony should be about 1.5 minutes. One important point of T4T is to train other Christians to share their testimony everywhere. So, for this year, we would like to try to use the idea of T4T for outreaching to people, that is to share our testimony (or other Christians' testimonies) to people as much as possible (T4T encourages that we share our testimony to 5 people every week), and to train Christians to share their testimony. We also try to make use of media tools to share testimony, such as CDs, posting testimonies on facebook, Youtube, or simply by letter. One important thing is to keep on praying for the people that we plan to share our testimony with and those we have already shared with, because it is the work of God. Last year, we had invited some non-Christian friends to attend a church gathering, but most of them were busy and could not come. This year, we know that even though they may not come to a church gathering, we can share about God anyway. We found that after we share stories of God at work, some of them respond to us, and conversations have continued.