



The first meeting of the house church in Komoro we started with Mikio Yanagisawa was well received. Mikio recently graduated with a pastoral degree from Columbia University in South Carolina and, like Barnabas, has a strong gift of encouragement.

Philemon 1:2, 4-6 To the church that meets in your home:

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Discipleship is our primary focus in the new house church we're helping Mikio-san plant. The first gathering brought 6 believers and 2 friends of ours who we pray will make a decision for Christ in the near future. We're doing an 8-week study through the Gospel of John DVD series. This has been a great opportunity to establish the person of Jesus and his purpose for coming. It also helps us guide people through the tough questions that tend to hinder spiritual growth. We want to deepen new and old friendships and equip people to be able to give a reason for the hope they have through their own personal testimony. Once people know what they believe, we want to give them confidence to be able to share with friends and family and invite them to join us in this relaxed atmosphere. The goal is not to simply plant a new church, but rather establish a healthy church that will plant other churches. Christianity is viewed as a foreign faith, so our hope is this organic approach will break down the stigmatism many Japanese associate with the church.



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This is a typical example of *English* fashion. These fashion statements rarely make sense.



Students in Garry's Taekwondo class at the Christian international school have received their first rank promotion. We are considering starting a second class in the public gymnasium as part of our outreach initiative.

DID YOU KNOW? わかりましたか。

The Japanese love to soak in the bath after a full body scrub down. So much so, they invented oidaki (reheating bathwater) technology. With the press of a button, tub water is siphoned back into the hot water heater and brought up to a temperature of your choosing.

The topic of a human soul is quite challenging in Japan. They don't really differentiate between a spirit and soul, yet they believe everything has a life force. We've found using water and its various forms (liquid, solid and gas) to convey the idea of the Trinity helps them better understand the unity among God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.



Click the photo above to take an interactive walk with Garry across the busiest intersection in the world. This 360° field of view video recorded near the Shibuya train station captures typical Tokyo urbanites doing their daily routine on foot and bicycle.

Prayer and Praises

We want to start a church planting movement here in Japan. In order for this to happen, we are praying for God's Spirit to unify, empower and facilitate many workers for His Kingdom. We're hosting our first meeting for local area pastors and church planters Feb 5. Please pray for wisdom and for God to be glorified through everyone's efforts.

Ellissa celebrated her 15th birthday Jan 11th and now faces the tough decision whether she wants to pursue a Japanese highschool diploma or stick with the less intense international curriculum.

Pray we can continue spend time getting to know our neighbors in a way that allows us to share the Gospel. We've had great success with existing friends coming to church events.



These are Japanese *jūhyou* (snow monsters). They are frost covered trees standing motionless in the wilderness of Northern Japan

From Team Expansion's President Doug Lucas:

Dear partner in the Task,

Did you know that at this moment Team Expansion workers are busy the world over doing...

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* Bible translators -- Thanks to the work of two Team Expansion workers, 51 out of 66 biblical books are already being distributed to tens of thousands of members in villages throughout the region. They hope to be completely done in 18 months time!

With hope for the future,



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