



# Japan Prayer Fuel

September 2016

In September we're getting back into regular routines, some are recovering from intense summer programs, and others are re-energised after good vacations. We're giving thanks for many things, including baptisms. Plus, there seems to be lots of opportunities for networking coming up.

## Answers to prayer

38 attended KGK camp in Hokkaido. Surfing team had good opportunities and one profession of faith.

Kisarazu Church retreat was attended by about half the membership. It was a time of good sharing, worship, and fun. Large numbers of New Testaments were also handed out at the local summer festival.

Yamada, a tsunami-stricken town, had an outdoor play project. Praise that it attracted the right target group of children with parents living at temporary housing. The children enjoyed themselves. Pray for Christians to get involved and befriend them.

Successful reopening of the Aomori Christian Center. The Kids' Bible Camp was held there in August and God's blessings were seen with children who'd previously not had contact with Christianity being enthusiastic about what they'd learned.

## Networking

Japanese Congress on Evangelism (27-30 Sept) will be held in Kobe. It's only held every seven or so years. The theme is "re-VISION toward regeneration: The Gospel, the World, and Opportunities." They hope to facilitate fellowship and networks with the goal of a great harvest in Japan. Several OMFers plus two staff from Hokkaido Bible Institute are attending.

Joint Mobilizers and Coordinators Consultation in Singapore (5-10 Sept): Lorna (Candidate Coordinator), Wera (Short term Coordinator), and Andrea (Mobilisation): hoping for renewed vision and deeper fellowship as well as good connections with homeside mobilisers. The OMF Japan field 2016 prayer vision is a high priority: For 200 workers by 2020 (150 full-time workers and 50 friends/greater than six month short-termers).

Andrea Roldan is networking and investing in younger leaders, especially in the Filipino community. Pray for good ongoing relationships.

Church Planting Facilitator (Louis Lau) is making connections with various church planters in Yokohama and Tokyo.

Max and Reiko Oehninger are making connections with various churches with good potential in youth work.

Connect-Green Line Community has made many contacts through various classes (Korean and cooking) as well as through the short-term team from Korea this summer. They're praying people will join a cell group and worship in the future.

Hirosaki Nozomi Church is reaching out with English and parenting classes. Pray people will be connected into this church.

Yokohama Connect International has advertised various social groups via meetup.com. Pray for good connections and discussion.

Oomagari Church asks for prayer for following up those who connected with the short-term team.

Melbourne, Australia: Simon and Meg Crittle are running an "English Afternoon Tea" seeking to connect Australia Christians with Japanese families.

Vancouver, Canada: Tony and Pat Schmidt's church has a major church outreach. They hope for new students for the English outreach course starting in Oct.

Cambridge, UK: Roger and Jae Nam Stevens have ongoing contact with non-Christian returnees.

## Baptisms

There were several baptisms in August and more to come in September. Hokuei Church (lady in 40s), plus more thinking about a Christmas baptism. Hiragishi (man in 40s). Kisarazu: Two young women preparing for baptism. Sendai Evangelical Christian Church: two baptisms in August. Noboribetsu Central Gospel Church: a man baptized in August.

## Prayer Drive

Fifteen missionaries are participating in a prayer drive (Sept 12-16) through the Tohoku region. They will cover five prefectures and ten specific ministries.

