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# AMI

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# RCC CHURCH, EAST ASIA

## *A CHAT WITH PASTOR JC*

### **How did you meet God and know that you were called to be a pastor?**

I met God during my freshman year of college when I was evangelized by a senior. As I began attending a fellowship group regularly, I came to know God personally and experienced His presence in my life. By the end of that year, I was baptized and became a Christian.

In my second year of graduate school, I joined a short-term summer mission trip to the southwest region of China. The following year, I returned alone to the mountains and witnessed God's powerful work firsthand. The deep spiritual need I saw stirred my heart, and I felt a strong burden for more workers to join in the harvest. Through ongoing prayer and life experiences, God's calling became increasingly clear. Eventually, I responded by committing to serve Him full-time in ministry.

### **When did you join AMI?**

I have been an active member of NLC since September 2011. In August 2017, I joined the NLC staff, serving and leading a student congregation. I was licensed in May 2022, and the following month, my wife and I began serving at RCC in a pastoral role. In May 2024, I was ordained as the pastor of RCC.



### **How did you meet your wife?**

My wife and I met at NLC, where I had been attending for three years before she arrived. We served together on summer short-term mission trips and in the Alpha group, which gave us the opportunity to grow in faith and friendship. I deeply appreciated her heart and character and hoped for a committed relationship. We began dating on May 3, 2018, and got married on September 14, 2019. We are truly grateful to God for blessing us with such a wonderful family.





## What has been happening recently at RCC?

Recently, we've been preparing for the upcoming summer short-term mission trip and music ministry in July. Through prayer, offerings, fundraising auctions, music rehearsals, outdoor performances, and camp planning, we are inviting more brothers and sisters to join in the work of God's kingdom. We also hope these efforts will help us connect with new friends whose hearts are already being prepared.

## What is the demographic of RCC?

Currently, around 20 to 25 adult members attend our Sunday service. We have four families in the congregation, with a total of five children. Most of our single members are between 25 and 35 years old. We have more women than men in the group. Many members are recent graduates who have been working for two to three years. The most common profession is teaching, but others work as lawyers, dentists, engineers, marketers, and tour guides. A few members are working part-time or are currently unemployed.



## What are the various ministries at RCC?

### College Campus:

We are currently in the stage of preparation and prayer. A few students have shown interest, and we are focusing on building relationships and inviting them to participate in outreach activities.

### Hospital Ministry:

We hold two activities each month. One involves preparing loving meals for families in the children's ward of the cancer hospital. The other includes organizing crafts, singing, and games for the children. These activities help us build deeper relationships with them. We hope to pray with them when the time is right and share the source of our comfort and hope.

### Music Ministry:

Through rehearsals for music programs, we are connecting with other musicians who enjoy performing. During music sharing sessions, we hope hearts will be touched and prepared to receive more. These times allow us to make new friends and share our personal testimonies.

### Summer Short-term Mission Trip:

This summer, we will serve Tibetan teenagers through academic tutoring and youth camps. We will also visit local families to learn more about their lives and culture, while participating in the work of sowing the seeds of the Gospel. Please pray that the long-standing power of idols may be broken.



### **How would you describe East Asia's faith climate?**

In recent months, the faith climate in East Asia has been growing stronger and more encouraging. Through weekly evangelistic gatherings, prayer support partners, and discussion and sharing groups, people are building their faith on the foundation of truth. Their understanding and experience of God is deepening, and relationships within the community are becoming more genuine. More individuals are expressing a desire to grow spiritually and a willingness to serve.



### **What are some ways you have witnessed God moving in East Asia?**

In small groups, on campus, in hospitals, and through music ministry, God has given us opportunities to serve and share our testimonies with new friends. Many people have open and receptive hearts eager to connect with us and seek the deeper meaning of life.

Some brothers and sisters are facing physical challenges such as cancer, severe insomnia, and mental health struggles. At times, there is intense spiritual warfare, leaving some feeling discouraged or spiritually burdened. Yet through these trials, we are learning to rely on God more deeply. His power and presence continue to be revealed and lifted high.



# *PRAYER REQUESTS FOR RCC CHURCH*

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PASTOR JC:**

- Please pray that we would firmly rely on God, build a strong foundation in His truth, encounter Him deeply in prayer, and grow into a church that fights faithfully through prayer.
- Pray for our upcoming summer mission trip, the summer music ministry, and the new Alpha group. Ask that God would prepare the hearts of new friends and help us shine as a light in this city.
- Please pray for the safety of our church and ministries, especially as some churches and missionaries in our city have recently received warnings from the authorities.
- Pray for our family as we prepare to welcome our second child. May God protect and bless us during this special season.





# MISSIONARY KATE MOON

## *A CHAT WITH MISSIONARY KATE MOON*

### **How did you meet God and know that you were called to be a missionary?**

I remember hearing and accepting the gospel when I was five at the Wednesday chapel of a Christian school, but it wasn't until the summer after my sophomore year of college, on my first short-term mission trip, that I encountered God as an adult and that my faith became more solidified. After that summer, for several years, every major revelation I had about God occurred while I was on a mission trip. I eventually came to the conclusion that if the "mission field" was where I heard most clearly from God, where he felt most real, where I felt closest to him, why wouldn't I just always want to live there?

Though all believers are called to be missional in the way they live out their lives, my specific calling to share the gospel cross-culturally to people who have never heard it before came through increased exposure on short-term trips, at Friday night church meetings, and during a year spent in Micronesia when I realized that the things I was most excited and passionate about (learning about other cultures, acquiring proficiency in languages and bringing the gospel to people who have never heard) all lined up in the vocation of "missionary." The choice to spend the rest of my life doing these things felt natural and right. Now, almost thirty years later, I am still happiest when I am doing these things. When I am a missionary, I feel a keenly rewarding sense that I am fulfilling the purpose for which he created and placed me on this earth.

### **When and how were you sent?**

I was sent in August 2002 by The Remnant Church (NYC). At the time, I was the missionary of this particular local congregation and thought of myself as a family member that they were sending out as an international extension of their ministry. As I still had a lot to learn, I was initially sent to be trained under a missionary couple who had already been in the country for many years. Two years later, AMI had been formed, and partnership with the AMI community of churches toward the goal of church-planting began.



# HOW IS GOD MOVING?

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## **What kinds of ministry work are you engaged in?**

Currently, I am full-time student in seminary, so my main responsibility is to study and equip myself to be of better service to others. Ministries I have had the joy to participate in on a smaller scale over the past year have included: informal mentoring of younger believers, leading a small group exploring campus ministry possibilities, being part of a translation team for a book (exploring possibilities for establishing a business) and gathering musicians to form an outreach community – i.e., a group made up of both believers and those on the way where people can form genuine friendships and meaningful sharing can take place.

## **What are some ways you have witnessed God moving in East Asia?**

In the first two years, while I was still learning the language, I had the chance to tag along with small itinerant ministry teams during my summer and winter breaks. Because they served many different types of groups, during this time, I got to see God working in some unusual ways, including a time of worship where orderly holy laughter rolled through a congregation in waves; there was also a group who seemingly regularly had messages team-preached through tongues with translation.

I was also blessed by the dedication of these workers as one team leader, perhaps six to seven months pregnant at the time, stood on her feet all day to preach and teach with passion. As they gathered with other teams to report on what God had done, one team expressed regret that they hadn't been able to do as much ministry this time because they had spent about a week in jail, and the other teams spoke up to encourage and comfort them.

## **Another testimony of God's goodness...**

The police officer who attended our last music event at one point was moved to the point of tears (which someone close to him said they had never seen him shed before). Something that was shared caused him to reflect on his relationship with his mother, and after the event, they had a long talk and some intergenerational reconciliation took place

*Malachi 4:6 (NIV):*

*"He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."*



### What has been happening recently in East Asia?

About eight to ten months ago, God spoke to me about the unwavering commitment of a parent's heart through a current ad for a missing child who had disappeared over 25 years ago. A few months later, I came to know someone who had been kidnapped at the age of six and sold to someone with an illness who needed some daily help. The child was mistreated and after several attempts successfully ran away, but unable to find their way home, they ended up living on the streets. One day, at the age of thirteen and lying down on the grass in a park, they looked up at the blue sky and said, "God, if you exist . . .," asking to be rescued from their current life. A few moments later, a passerby asked the child for directions, struck up a conversation and gave the child a card with the address of a place where they could live and even be sent to school. It sounded too good to be true, but the child reasoned, "If it's a scam, I can always just run away again," and decided to go check it out.

It turned out to be a home established by a missionary couple with a heart to bring children off the streets. Their ministry eventually helped at least a hundred, if not hundreds of children; this person was somewhere between the 10th and 20th child they had helped.

The person is now a disciple-making believer, and the most amazing part to me about this whole story is the way it was told, without a hint of self-pity. It was clear that they had made peace with their past and genuinely been made whole by the Lord.

I believe the reason they chose to share their story with me—saying I was only the third person in the city they had ever told—was because they had attended one of our musician exchange events, where I shared about wanting to translate a song that uses the metaphor of a missing child. This was the same song God led me to through the missing child ad, which was connected to the artist who wrote it.

About a month ago, the translation was completed and the song was performed at our spring outreach. Afterward, the individual, who was in attendance, shared that they felt God was prompting them to share their story with more people. They even asked if they could share it at our next outreach event.

If we are able to faithfully steward this special gift and opportunity that God has given us, I believe we will witness Him doing great things.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

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## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSIONARY KATE:

- Protection and covering for the person who will be sharing their story at our next event in July as well as for the event itself. Please pray that the person would be filled with peace and confidence as they share.
- Increased curiosity and hunger to know God in the hearts of all those who hear the story, perhaps even leading to the birth of an Alpha course.
- The AMI short-term team from Boston & Taipei who will be joining us for the July music outreach, that they would be able to meet and spend quality time with people here, moving them forward on their journey towards coming to know God.
- For unity in heart, love and mutual respect among the various groups of believers (from different AMI churches as well as different churches in this city) coming together to do his kingdom work here this summer.
- God's provision and direction in choosing an office space (location) which can be used for musician/artist exchanges and other kinds of outreach activities. We are looking to move in early to mid-August.
- For clear leading regarding college ministry for Fall 2025.



### How can people support you?

Besides what many are already doing through praying with their AMI communities and through newsletters like this one, three ways come to mind:

1) If people want to pray more specifically by receiving monthly emails, they can contact [goingami@gmail.com](mailto:goingami@gmail.com) to be added to an email update list.

2) There is support that can be provided from the U.S. in the form of helping set up ways to distribute translated materials (ebooks, etc.). Technological support, graphic design, the sharing of any experience in the publishing industry and business advice all appreciated.

3) If musicians and/or artists would like to visit to be a part of a musicians' exchange, they are more than welcome. This visit could happen in the fall, spring or summer.

# NLC

## EAST ASIA

### PASTOR AS & PASTOR RL



*This year, we have 12 graduates. Please pray for our brothers and sisters as they transition into the workplace or wider society. May they trust in the Lord and experience His guidance and blessings in every step they take.*



*Praise God! During Alpha, a seeker accepting Christ*

#### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PASTOR RL:

- **Pray for the graduates who are stepping into a new season of life.**

Pray that God would give them a heart that continually seeks Him. May they never forget His Word, storing His love and truth deep in their hearts. In the face of new challenges, may they hold fast to the Lord's teachings, living lives that glorify God both in public and in private.

- **Pray for the preparation of the new semester:**

In the past academic year, God has brought many freshmen and sophomore students, full of curiosity and potential. Pray that God would personally work in their hearts, helping them to trust and obey His commands and promises continuously. May He raise up a new generation willing to follow Jesus, no matter the cost.

- **Pray for the campus and university students:**

Pray that students across campuses will be willing to pause amid their busyness and pursuits to trust in God, reflect on life's deeper questions, and respond to truths they may have never encountered before. May they not be blinded by temporary satisfaction or overwhelmed by external pressures. Ask God to give students in China the courage to overcome fear of the unknown and to become rooted and grow within the church of God.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PASTOR AS:

- We are in beginning stages to prepare for a split, and the leadership team started praying for the Lord to prepare the hearts of the staff and brothers and sisters.
- We thank the Lord for the remarkable results of the past three months of discipleship training, and we look forward to more brothers and sisters participating.
- As the weather warms up, more church activities are taking place, creating many opportunities for evangelism. We look forward to welcoming more new friends to the church.



# RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

HAIPHONG, VIETNAM

PASTOR TRINA & DAVEY PHAM

PASTOR TINA & ANTHONY PHAM



*Graduation Party after Church: 8 students graduated from medical school and 1 elementary student graduated*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for clear direction for our recent graduates, many of whom are medical students.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance as we discern the vision and direction for the future of River of Life Church.
- Pray that the church members may be deeply devoted to God's mission and passionate about saving souls.
- Pray for the raising and dedication of more workers to join God's harvest.



*Post Experiencing God Discipleship Course  
lunch & fellowship*



*Summer Church Beach Outing - July 2025*



# NEW SONG CHURCH

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

PASTOR PHI & MAI TRAN



*Our biggest event was Easter in April. We invited friends, family, and students from our adult English class to our Easter service. We had some performances and a musical about the resurrection of Jesus Christ to share the gospel. Some of our students from English class actually took part in the musical (even though they aren't believers yet)!*

## PRAISE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- A team from Kairos and JCC came to help with VBS. We hosted a birthday event at the children's center with the STM team. At the center, we shared the gospel through a skit about Jesus calming the storm. We prayed for the kids in small groups and provided them with food.
- Praise God, we served 56 kids in total. About half were from the New Song English classes, and most of them were non-believers.
- New Song English hosted a joyful "Happy Day" for our Kids' and Teens' classes, featuring games, activities, and opportunities to share Jesus' love through music, dance, and storytelling.
- Recently, 7 friends accepted Jesus during Gospel Sundays at New Song Church. Two of them are our current English class students. Of the students in Adam's class (Level 3) accepted Him!



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- We have many new believers. Please pray that they will continue to commit their lives to Jesus and that our church members can take care of them well.
- We are moving towards a season of discipleship. Please pray for the church members to grow in ministry involvement and maturity.
- We are preparing for a new season of ministry. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us and give us wisdom as we plan and strategize.





# REVIVAL CHURCH

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

PASTOR PHUONG TRUONG



## PRAISE REPORT:

*"We give thanks to God for His protection, guidance, and blessings over VBS 2025. We had a wonderful time connecting to each other, gaining experience, and building new friendships. The children participated in two days of learning the Bible and playing together, and they truly experienced a personal relationship with God. We are grateful to the Southland team for their support."*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Revival Church to receive its registration permit for regrouping.
- Pray for God's presence would bless the Cell groups, bringing growth and spiritual maturity to each member.
- Pray for God's blessings over Vietnam, that He would visit the land and open many hearts so that many Vietnamese will come to believe in Jesus.



# IGLESIA LA GRACIA AMI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

COBAN, GUATEMALA

*PASTOR JON & STEPHANIE MOON*

*ELDER JOHN & UNRAN KIM*

*PASTOR KATEY & LUIS XUC*

*MISSIONARY JOHN & YISHO KIM*



## **PRAISE REPORTS/UPDATES:**

- On Easter Sunday we had 10 church members get baptized. Of those 10, there were two groups of parents and their kids that got baptized. It was wonderful to hear their testimonies and see how God has used all of our different ministries to bring people to Christ.
  - The 2024/2025 school year for the international school ended the first week of June. We had 22 kindergarten students graduate to elementary school and 6 fifth graders graduate to middle school. Our school staff is growing as we will add 7th grade next school year, which starts in August.
  - We started up Alpha at the local university campus. This campus is very secular and we are excited about the group of students that are showing up and asking questions. Our team of 4 lay leaders have had great conversations with these students throughout these first few weeks of the Alpha course.
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# COBAN, GUATEMALA

## PRAYER REQUESTS



*“It has been a huge blessing to have Koa, Ellie, Melissa, and Christian serve with us this past year.”*

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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for our church (and specifically our Life Groups) as we go through the book of Daniel in our sermon series and talk about what it looks like to live out our faith.
- Pray for the four interns as they transition back to life in the US. And for the 5 new interns that will arrive on July 9th as well as the 3 missionary teachers that will arrive during July - prayers for their transitions to Coban and their ministry here.
- Pray that each person in the group currently going through Alpha may come to know the Lord as their personal Savior. And that this would be the start to college ministry at the local university campus.

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*Praise God!  
10 members were  
baptized on Easter  
Sunday.*



# LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH INSAN PERMATA ORPHANAGE FOS LOGOS SCHOOL

*JAKARTA & PEKANBARU, INDONESIA*

*PASTOR JONEDY & ANA UMBOH*



## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Please pray for Fos Logos School's 2024–2025 academic year:

- For provision of additional needs for the new school year, including entrance fees, new uniforms, shoes, textbooks, and more.
- That the Holy Spirit would move powerfully in every event this year, including the VBS for Fos Logos School students, staff retreats, and seminars for parents (organized in partnership with TBC and Radiance) at the beginning of July.
- That the Insan Permata children would be strengthened, stay healthy, be protected by the blood of Jesus, and be equipped with the ability they need.
- That God would bring new students to Fos Logos School—25 each for Kindergarten, Elementary, and Junior High—and send the right teachers and volunteers for English, art, and sports.
- For the extracurricular drum band program—not only for students' personal development, but also as a ministry of praise and spiritual warfare. Pray that the Holy Spirit works through every performance and for the provision of all needed equipment.
- That God would bless the upcoming pastors' retreat (husbands and wives) with the Tapestry team in July, and the health ministry outreach with IGHO in September.



# LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

PASTOR WON & HOPE KIM



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- To establish His church in Jakarta in alignment with His will placing Jesus as our cornerstone.
- To solidify our core leadership team as Spirit filled-leader servants.
- We acquire the language, Bahasa Indonesia swiftly.
- Allow legal registration of the church and approval of our visas to happen efficiently and cost effectively.

*From Catherine, one of the core members of FORERUNNERS:*

*Tempat Harapan ( A Place of Hope) - a young adult community.*

*"It's kind of like a cell group for people in their 20s, most of us having moved far from home to live in this big, overwhelming city. For the past four months, this group has become our home away from home. Every Friday night, we have Friday Night Prayer, and afterward we always hang out late into the night. It's hard to say goodbye when the fellowship is so rich. Once a month, we also go to do outreach in Tanang Abang, a slum area along the railroad tracks. There we teach English and Korean to the kids and bring yummy snacks too! But here is the most beautiful part: we came hoping to show God's love to them, but instead, it's their smiles and joy that have revealed God's love to us. Isn't that touching? Please pray for the families and kids in Tanah Abang, they are so precious."*

## FORERUNNER TEAM:

Core members, Pastor  
Won, Hope, Anggraini,  
Theo, Kezia, Dian,  
Catherine, Esa, Joshua,  
Melodie



# LIVING WORD CHURCH

CISTERNA DI LATINA, ITALY

PASTOR ALESSANDRO & ALLISON DI LEONARDO



## *PRAISE REPORT/UPDATE:*

*A Chinese lady who speaks only Mandarin (no Italian nor English) has been attending our church for over a year. We communicate through AI translation tools and at times through visiting friends who speak Mandarin. In May we had P. A and his wife T come visit us and through their help and love, our church member finally accepted the Lord!*



## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for Living Word's first family retreat taking place August 22-24
- Pray for AMI STMs (GCC Philly, JCA, and Canvas) coming to lead VBS, Youth Gatherings and Retreat from August 16 to 25
- Pray for our new Italian intern Gabriele, who will start September 1st. (Picture Included - with his wife Alessia)



## **PRAISE REPORTS & UPDATES:**

- A young adult couple who recently came to know the Lord began a young adults bible study with our young adults in church but also some friends. We thank God for their desire to grow in Christ and share the Gospel with friends.
- We have been in our furlough and it has been a huge blessing in visiting many AMI churches. It encourages us to see what God is doing here in North America. (Pictured on the left)



# JAPAN CHURCH PLANT

TOKYO, JAPAN

PASTOR JASON & JESSICA SATO

MISSIONARY EUN MI JUN



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- God would continue to grow our seeker Bible study and each participant can experience God's love personally.
- God would add to our team - especially a skilled translator and evangelists.
- God would bless Yeri and Hannah as they transition back to the states and Josh and AJ as they begin their intern year with us.

## PRAISE REPORT/UPDATE:

Our young adult seeker retreat went very well, with 23 adults attending, including 10 non-Christians. We held morning and evening worship, and my friend preached two sermons. We prayed for each participant, and everyone was engaged in the worship and messages. Our team sensed that nearly every person experienced a significant spiritual shift in their understanding or openness to Jesus. We're now following up individually and have strong momentum heading into a 6-8 week Saturday evening service this fall. Most retreat attendees are interested in joining, and the Q&A session helped shape future message topics.

After the retreat, two university students we've been ministering to—who couldn't attend—prayed the sinner's prayer. Eunmi has also had more opportunities to share with women she's connected to. We're grateful for God's kindness and are praying for continued breakthroughs.

*We're thankful that God is continuing to grow our community and give us more opportunities to share Jesus with many who have never heard.*

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# GRACE COVENANT CHURCH

SINGAPORE

PASTOR PAUL & AILSA LIU



## PRAISE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Celebrated our church's anniversary. Thankful for God's faithfulness!
- We hosted a baking class, an app development workshop, and a women's secondhand swap event to reach out and welcome friends into the community.
- Finished 1st half teachings in 1 Corinthians which has been a refreshing & relevant review of how the world may be influencing our expectations & values. Thankful to be redirected to the countercultural good news of the gospel.
- Excited that Pastor Paul could share w PVD & ABD church in May.



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for our staff team as we are transitioning into new roles & responsibilities. Pray for Spirit-directed vision, growth in our leadership, and deeper relationships.
- Pray for God to raise more leaders to minister & disciple members; as well as upcoming leaders seminars on facilitating Bible study.
- Pray for Spirit-empowered witnesses. That we would see how much people need the Lord. That we would dare to boldly share. That we would be living examples of how following Christ changes everything.





# THRIVE CHURCH

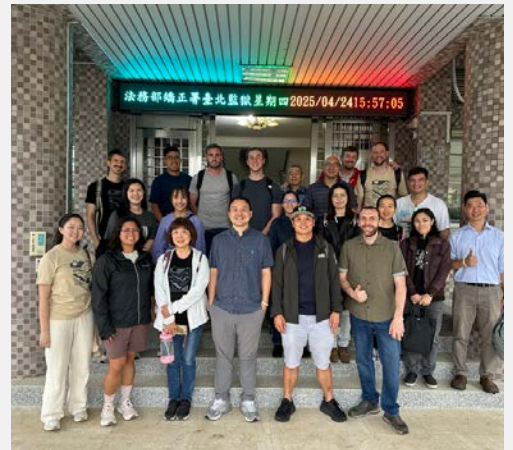
TAIPEI, TAIWAN  
PASTOR DAVID & GRACE SON



*Pictured at the Holy Spirit Weekend, 36 people attended, 11 new seekers*

## **PRAISE REPORTS/UPDATES/ PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- In the end of May we had an AMI STM team come and serve alongside our church in doing campus outreach! Praise God we were able to share the Gospel with many Taiwanese, and also invite them to join our ALPHA course.
- We are now halfway through this summer's ALPHA Course and we've been having ~50 people attend (~12 seekers/new believers). This past weekend we had 36 people go to the Holy Spirit Weekend Away. 11 seekers came and it was a huge blessing! Please pray that these new friends would encounter Jesus, and that the young believers would be strengthened in their faith.
- We have been regularly visiting a local prison and sharing the Gospel with the inmates. There are roughly 160 prisoners who come to our worship service, and half of them are non-Christians. Please pray that they would seek and understand the Gospel!
- This season we seem to have many people who are coming to our church and seeking God, at the same time many of our long-time members are experiencing fatigue, burnout, and even spiritual attack/depression. Please pray for renewed strength and protection especially for those who have been serving for a long time at Thrive.



*Sharing the Gospel at a local prison*



*AMI STM Team from Renewal & Journey Church of Atlanta*



# IGHO UPDATE TIJUANA, MEXICO

*MAY 17, 2025*



Pictured: IGHO Team Members; **From COS Anaheim:** William Chwa, Anthony Kim, Phil Kim, Brandon Lee, David Han, Simon Chung, Jacob Yoon, Elizabeth Kim, Jonathan Cho, Sarah Park, Mike Lee, SooHwa Han, Lucia Yau, Susan Um, Helen Kim, Christine Park, Max Min, Scott Lee, David Um, Kevin Ryu, Jessica Pak, **From COS Chino:** Sam Cho, Irene Sueki, Nancy Lee, Peter Chung, Paul Kang

On May 17, 2025, an IGHO team from Church of Southland (COS) Anaheim and Chino traveled to Tijuana, Mexico for a medical short-term mission. The team served by praying, ministering, and providing various medical care to those in need. Throughout the trip, they witnessed God moving powerfully—bringing emotional and physical healing, encouraging local believers, and leading several individuals to Christ. Through prayer, they saw spiritual breakthroughs and felt the Holy Spirit at work. A meaningful highlight for the team was living out the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, faithfully sharing God's love and truth with the people of Tijuana.





# TAIWAN, TAIPEI STM

## RENEWAL & JOURNEY CHURCH OF ATLANTA

*MAY 23 - JUNE 2, 2025*

### **In what ways did the team witness God moving?**

I was encouraged by the faithfulness of the STM and Thrive Church teams to God's work despite many difficult situations. We had people come to the events who we might have never met unless we went out to evangelize or posted on social media. During the evangelism sessions, many members had good conversations about faith with students and strangers. Although it may not seem like a lot of fruit came out of it or the gospel was received, it was encouraging to see everyone step out in faith. Truly God gives growth!

Team member: We could see God softening the hearts of Taiwanese people. That isn't to say that everyone was receptive. But I think it was seeing the contrast of responses to similar kinds of questions or conversations that highlights that it isn't really about what we say but about the hearts that God is softening. It was really cool to see that one of the students we encountered while outreaching on NTUST (National Taiwan University of Science and Technology) came to one of Thrive's events.

### **What was a favorite memory from the STM:**

One memory that we really enjoyed was the last night before departing. At the end of the mission trip, the Thrive team took us to the night market. We were able to get to know the Thrive church members better as well as have fellowship with each other. Afterwards, some of us decided to go on a spontaneous hike up elephant mountain (a popular hike with good views of Taipei). A few of us decided to rent bikes to get there. One highlight was coincidentally running into another missions team at the base of the mountain that we had met earlier that day at Thrive's Sunday service. We did the hike together which allowed us to get to know a few of them better. Afterwards some of us were able to share about our faith with some workers at a massage store. These moments of the fellowship between churches and also still trying to reach out to those around us were really precious.



# HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

## VBS STM

### REVIVAL CHURCH & COS ANAHEIM

JUNE 9 - 16, 2025



VBS KIDS - 55 ATTENDED

What type of STM did the team do?  
VBS program with 55 kids. The kids learned about trusting in Jesus when they wonder, feel alone, helpless, and powerless through Bible stories. We got to experience the love of Christ for these kids through worship, crafts, and game times.



VBS KIDS WITH REVIVAL MEMBERS

In what ways did the team witness God moving?  
When complete strangers who have never met and do not even share a common language come together in unity - sharing, serving, and moving as one in the heart and mind of Christ, this kind of love can only be made possible through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit at work among us.



COS TEAM WITH REVIVAL CHURCH MEMBERS

What were some of the team member's favorite memory?  
When the children were all coming up on the stage and we were all worshipping/dancing together, trying durian together, praying over and for Revival Pastor and Staff and the daily morning devotional over breakfast with team- it was family time.



# HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

## AWANA CAMP STM

### COS ANAHEIM, JUNE 12-21, 2025

On June 12-21 a team from COS Anaheim traveled to Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) and Pleiku in Gia Lai Province to serve at New Song Church and local churches through Awana ministry. The team consisted of Antonio Ko, John Nam, Kaleb Kim, Kara Chung, Kristy Goto, Lucas Cheng, Sammy Lee, Suyoung Min, and Yongman Hong, representing various churches. Throughout the trip, the team led Awana programs filled with worship, games, crafts, and gospel-centered lessons, sharing the love of Christ with children and teens in both urban and rural settings.

#### **In what ways did the team witness God moving?**

Pleiku is located in the rural Central Highlands, where the people are ethnically distinct from the majority Vietnamese population and primarily speak Jarai. We served the local churches by leading two Awana camps, joyfully praising God together through songs, body worship, crafts, games, activities, and gospel-centered lessons. Over 60 children and teens attended the first location, and more than 100 participated at the second—about 50% more than we had originally expected. We nearly had to cancel the second camp due to the sudden death of a young man in the community. However, through prayer and God's amazing grace, the church decided to move forward and welcomed our team to hold the Awana program as planned.



#### **What was a favorite memory from the STM:**

After completing the Awana program, the team continued to praise God with joyful hearts—regardless of the setting or circumstance. In a beautiful expression of worship, they took to the streets and even a local tea shop, performing body worship as a testimony of God's love and presence.







COBAN, GUATEMALA

# STEM/SCIENCE CAMP STM

CHURCH OF SOUTHLAND,  
ANAHEIM

JUNE 21-28, 2025

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A team from Church of Southland Anaheim traveled to Cobán, Guatemala to host a STEM Science Camp for local students. The camp featured hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and creativity, including launching water bottle rockets, building and racing small cars, testing structures on a shaker table, and designing parachutes for an egg drop challenge. Through these engaging experiments, the team aimed to inspire a love for science while building meaningful connections with the students.

The team witnessed God moving in many meaningful ways throughout their time in Cobán. One clear example was when they prayed for the rain to stop during their STEM class time window from 2 to 5 p.m. —and it did, allowing the camp activities to continue without interruption. They also saw God's hand as local kids began inviting their friends to the camp, expanding its impact beyond what was planned. During house visits, the team had opportunities to pray for local families, offering encouragement and care. Even the simple blessing of enjoying great food during their stay reminded the team of God's provision and goodness in every detail.





# TOKYO, JAPAN STM

## KAIROS CHURCH

JUNE 23 - JULY 1, 2025

GROUP PHOTO AT THE RETREAT



From June 23 to July 1, a team from Kairos Church—including Hiromi Fujita, Kirsten Kim, Sarah Bello, Trisha Tong, Riki Lee, and Joshua Kou (our 1-year intern)—traveled to Tokyo for a short-term mission. We partnered with the Tokyo team (Satos, Eunmi, Hannah, and Yeri) to support a Seeker Retreat held in Atami. The retreat brought together 10 non-believers, 1 new believer, a guest pastor (Seita), and members of both the Tokyo and Kairos teams. It was a powerful time of connection, sharing, and sowing seeds of faith in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

### In what ways did the team witness God moving?

Trisha's response: I began to see that a lot of patience and faith were required to serve here, as many people are culturally more reserved and Christ is largely unknown in this country. I was encouraged by the Tokyo team's genuine obedience, longing, and care for the community they're building. Even though the changes in people's hearts may seem small in man's eyes, I witnessed how these small steps are God working in powerful ways. During the retreat there were many breakthroughs, some of which had been years in the making.

Riki's response: I witnessed God moving a lot through our team and how each team member was allowing the Spirit to move in how they served. A lot of patience and flexibility was shown in our team.

Hiromi noted: By the end of the weekend, there was great openness to the gospel. After Sunday worship, the Tokyo team prayed for each attendee, and follow-up has revealed encouraging signs—those once closed off are now asking questions, engaging with the gospel, and requesting books to learn more. God is clearly at work.



AT THE BEACH NEAR ATAMI

### What were some of the team member's favorite memory?

Two things that definitely stood out for our team were the games and time we spent at the beach together on Saturday afternoon; we played games together with the same groups of people we had discussion questions/time with and I think it helped foster openness. Secondly, I think it was so amazing to hear Riki share his testimony during Sunday worship in Japanese. He's a newer believer (less than 3 years) but his faith has grown so much and his story was so relatable for many people.

SUNDAY WORSHIP





# HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM STM PAUL CHURCH & COS ANAHEIM

JUNE 24 - JULY 3, 2025

11 CHILDREN ACCEPTING  
JESUS



The COS Anaheim team traveled to Paul Church, located about 45 minutes outside of Ho Chi Minh City, to serve through a Vacation Bible School (VBS) program. The team developed the entire four-day curriculum from scratch, covering the themes of Creation, Sin, Salvation, and Hope. Along with the lessons, they also created original crafts, discussion questions, and skits to engage the children in a meaningful and interactive way. It was a collaborative effort that allowed the team to creatively and prayerfully share the gospel with the next generation.



COS ANAHEIM TEAM

In what ways did the team witness God moving? We witnessed God's grace powerfully moving in the hearts of the people at Paul Church, especially among the children during VBS. It was a joy to see the Holy Spirit at work as 3 teens, 11 children, and 1 young child made the decision to accept Jesus as their Savior. Their openness and response to the gospel was a clear and beautiful testimony of God's love and faithfulness.



VBS KIDS, COS TEAM WITH PAUL  
CHURCH MEMBERS

What were some of the team member's favorite memory?

We created a StoryBoard/Mural for the lesson plans. Each day as the storyboard grew with the completion of each lesson, we can see how the participants enjoyed their involvement with each lesson. Lesson 3 was especially impactful because that is where each one who accepted Jesus got to place their small person across the Chasm and in relationship with God





# AMI INSTITUTE

*MAY 26- JUNE 6, 2025*  
*SYMPHONY CHURCH, BOSTON*

Symphony Church in Boston hosted AMI Institute, a 2-week conference designed to equip and develop future ministry leaders within the AMI network. During the first week, participants received a broad overview of AMI's ministries, both local and international, through teachings and testimonies shared by various AMI pastors—including Pastor Ryun Chang, Pastor Keith Park, Pastor Young Kim, Pastor Joseph Chung, Pastor Barry Kang, and Pastor John Choi. These sessions provided valuable insight into the heart, history, and vision of AMI.

In the second week, the 1-Year Interns engaged in deeper discipleship, receiving practical training to prepare them for effective service in their respective ministry locations. They were equipped through sessions led by seasoned leaders across AMI, including Pastor Ryun Chang, Hanna Chung, Kimberly Hu, Pastor Andrew Kim, Pastor Doug Tritton, Pastor Chan Park, Sunny Park, Pastor Shan Gian, and Pastor Barry Kang. The week was not only rich in training but also deeply encouraging, as the interns formed lasting connections and a strong sense of unity across the AMI churches.



# AMI 1 YEAR INTERNS 2025-26 COHORT



*1 YR Interns; back row: Joshua Kuo- Tokyo, Daniel Park- HCMC, AJ Amposta- Tokyo, Issac Kim- Coban, Jasper Wu- HCMC, Joyce Dong- Coban, Jordyn Lee- Jakarta, Kezia Leung- Haiphong, Anna Smith- Coban, Timothy Chu- Coban, Noah Ho- Coban, Alice Ou- Coban, Amy Tan- Haiphong, Maddie Smith- Jakarta*

We're excited to introduce our 2025-2026 1-Year Interns! This year, we are sending a team of 13 interns and 1 missionary teacher to serve in five different cities around the world: Cobán, Tokyo, Ho Chi Minh City, Haiphong, and Jakarta. These young men and women have committed to spending a full year serving alongside local churches and ministries, supporting outreach efforts, discipleship, and community engagement.

Please pray for each of them as they prepare, go, and serve—asking God to strengthen them spiritually, provide for their needs, and use them powerfully to bless the communities they will be part of. We're excited to see how God will grow and work through them during this year of missions.