

The Strydoms

Osaka Japan Church Planting Missionaries

Open Hearts



Japan National TV crew at OIBC!

On Sunday, June 22nd, a crew from a Japanese National TV station joined our church service. They were filming one of our members, whom they had featured in an episode 7 years ago, with this being a follow-up episode. The great news is that God has totally changed her life, and she testified boldly to them in every possible way. On that day, we had families visit from our S&L English School, as well as some from English Cafe, resulting in our biggest attendance yet! One of our members, Madelyn, gave her testimony. Using the understanding gained over the last 1.5 years, by God's grace, we presented the clearest Gospel message to the Japanese. We pray that God will use it all for His glory! We also enjoyed a potluck lunch together after the service.



Act Amore Stage outreach

The city of Taktsuki held a two-day musical festival. Haruko has a good relationship and favor with the manager of the Act Amore stage, so we were given a spot to perform! OIBC`s worship team sang praise & worship songs in English and Japanese, while many came to watch and listen. We also had some of our English Cafe connections and the TV crew join us on the day! (Pictures Below)



Expo English Cafe!

Inspired by the current World Expo held in Osaka, we created an Expo English Cafe! It was held on Friday and Saturday, and on both occasions we were fully booked! Everybody said they had tons of fun! We strengthened existing friendships and made some new connections. Praise the Lord! (Pictures Below)



OIBC`s Bible verse memorization challenge

OIBC recently started a Bible verse memorization challenge. Two choices exist: memorize one verse or memorize two verses per week. We have a list organized by categories, and specific individuals appointed in the church who can listen. Those taking up the challenge receive a card, which is stamped weekly if recited correctly. Awards are offered at 5 and 10 weeks, and lunch or dinner with the Pastor and his wife after 50 weeks. We are amazed by how many took on the challenge. And it is such a blessing to see how God`s Word is working in the lives of people! We pray that God will greatly grow His people and sanctify them by His Truth!



Open Hearts - Ai, Tokuji, & Akiyo

It started with Ai-San regularly joining our English Cafe. God gave us great favor in our relationship with her, and gradually her heart opened and warmed to us. Her father, Tokuji, started joining English Cafe too. Then Ai and later Tokuji started attending our Wednesday Bible studies regularly. On invitation, they started attending OIBC's services and are now regular attendees. They are not believers/Christians yet, but they have started memorizing Bible verses with us! Last Sunday, Ai, her father, Tokuji, and her mother, Akiyo, all attended our church service. We have made a wonderful friendship and are amazed at how God has opened their hearts. Pray with us that God would do a mighty work in their lives and that they will come to salvation in Christ!



Tokuji (red shirt) with his wife Akiyo



Ai talking at English Cafe

Psalm 119:18

***Open my eyes, that I may see
Wondrous things from Your law.***

Prayer Requests

- **Pray for Ai, Tokuji, & Akiyo to understand the Gospel & believe.**
- **That our labors in the Lord will bring great fruit.**
- **For the Japanese to have spiritual understanding and be open to the Gospel - for special connections with those who are seeking!**
- **Osaka International Baptist Church to grow in strength, and that many will be saved, baptized, and disciplined through God`s Word.**