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Osaka Japan Church Planting Missionaries

God`s Hesed Love



All Glory, Honor, and Praise to God!

As we look back at 2025, we are astounded at just how much God has done! He has provided, opened doors, and changed many hearts and lives! We have seen and experienced so many miracles in such a short time that we can only proclaim "Glory to God in the Highest!" God is good, God is faithful, and God has abundantly poured out His grace and steadfast love on us through Jesus Christ. May our every breath and effort declare the Truth of the Living God, and may His Name be known and glorified in Japan! We thank all of you for your continuous support and faithful prayers, without which we would be totally ineffective... God bless you! As we go into the New Year, we are excited to see what God will do as we aim to saturate Osaka with the Gospel of Christ!

Christmas English Cafe!

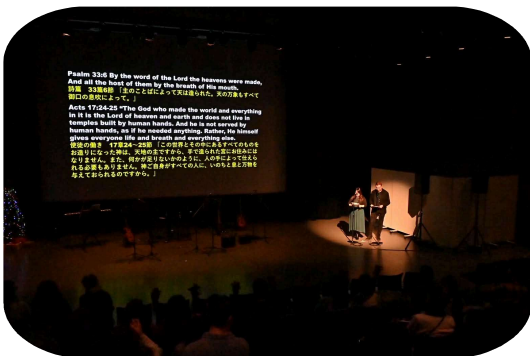
decorations, music, and a warm, loving atmosphere. But best of all, we could teach everyone the truth behind Christmas. We got great feedback: each person felt loved and cared for, experienced God's truth and blessing, and had lots of fun! We praise God as many of these relationships are blossoming, resulting in open hearts.



OIBC`s Christmas Celebration Event

Our biggest event and highlight of the year: OIBC's Christmas Celebration! Lots of finances, planning, and effort go into this event, but every time God rewards us with more than we expected! This year was special, as our church members all helped and served in various ways, and God used it to grow us in strength, love, and unity. And we were blessed with a fantastic attendance! We made 180 bags containing chocolates and tracts, and 150 of those were given out on the night! Our Salt&Light English School kids performed, we had two music teams who led in song, a Christmas skit, and a Hula worship team who danced!

But most importantly, Haruko and I could bring a Bible message explaining the greatness of Jesus and the beauty of His love and salvation. Many people afterward said that they understood the meaning of Christmas for the first time in their lives! We praise God!



On Wednesday, the 24th of December, at 7 pm, we held our first Candle Light Service. We were overwhelmed with the attendance! Even though we extensively advertised through social media, it was those relationships formed through English Cafe and our Wednesday Bible study, that brought the people. It once again underlined the loneliness and needs of the Japanese people at this time of year. It was a beautiful night filled with singing, Scripture reading, and a short message. God blessed us with His presence, an intimate time of worship, and encouraging fellowship with dessert! We thank God, as His Name was made known and glorified!



Ai`s Story...

"Ai" in Japanese means "love." (Different from AI in the computer world!) Ai is a Japanese woman who has come to know and experience God`s love. We first met her at our English Cafe, as she aimed to improve her English. She loved connecting with us, and God blessed us with a strong relationship with her. Once we started our Wednesday Bilingual Bible study, she joined! Not only that, but she sometimes attended Sunday church services and even memorized Bible verses with us! She heard the Gospel multiple times, and eventually she succumbed to the love of God and decided to trust Jesus as God and Savior! This past Christmas, she helped as the Japanese MC at our event and did an excellent job! Although we encouraged her, we never pressured her, but waited for her to make a decision... and finally she has committed to doing our Foundation courses and being baptized once the weather gets warm. Hallelujah!



Psalm 9:1

I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart;

I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

Prayer Requests

- Ai to grow in her faith & the Word of God.
- Fruit on the seeds planted during our Christmas events.
- For the Japanese to be open to the Gospel & have spiritual understanding. Special connections with those who are seeking!
- For many to be saved, baptized, & disciplined through God`s Word.
- Growth, Strength, and Unity in OIBC.

Please partner with us through prayer and financial support, and help us reach the 2nd-largest unreached nation in the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We would love for you to share in the joy and fruit that God will bring in Japan!
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