

2024: QUARTER 2

AMI NEWSLETTER



LÍ-HÓ, FROM TAIWAN

We are highlighting Thrive Church Taipei with Pastor David Son and his wife, Grace this quarter!

Pastor David joined Acts Ministries International in 2012 through Symphony Church in Boston, Massachusetts. It was also here that he met his wonderful wife, Grace! In August 2018, with hearts to reach the Taiwanese, along with Patrick and Deb Ng, and three AMI 1 year interns, Pastor David and his family were sent out by Symphony Church to Taipei!



A photo of Thrive's small group leaders captured during their past Christmas party



Grace, Jubilee (4 yo), Pastor David, Benjamin (2 yo), and Elijah Son (6 yo) pause to celebrate Elijah's kindergarten graduation!

After spending the first few months visiting as many Taiwanese churches as they could, the planting team of seven began meeting at the Son's home. Half of the team was attending Mandarin school, and as they began to realize how open their classmates were to faith, they launched an English ALPHA Course during their first Thanksgiving. Through ALPHA, several others joined the house church and two were baptized! Six months after their arrival, 20-25 people were regularly squeezing into the Son's house for Sunday worship. Therefore, in February 2019, they rented and launched Thrive Church!

Beginning as mostly an all-English, mostly-foreigner church, little by little, more Taiwanese began to join, and in the fall of 2020, Thrive officially switched to being a bilingual church.

Shortly after, when COVID hit, most of the foreigners left, and many Taiwanese joined. After the dust of COVID settled, Thrive was a majority Taiwanese church of about 70 people. As they outgrew their space, in 2021 they moved into their current meeting space.



Just a look at a typical Sunday lunch fellowship at Thrive Church

After three years of steady growth, Thrive has grown to around 150 people. Today, Thrive Church ministers both to locals and foreigners, with the current demographic being ~60% Taiwanese and ~40% foreigners, ages 20-35 years old. Thrive's children's ministry serves about twenty-five children from twelve families. Praise God that all the unexpected twists and turns actually played a big part in shaping and maturing Thrive!

CHATS WITH PASTOR DAVID SON

Q: When did you know you wanted to be sent?

A: I felt a clear call to missions when I was 23. At the time I had just graduated from college and I wanted to spend some time experiencing what God is doing outside of my familiar bubble. So through some connections, I got to go to Harbin, China for 3 months. There, I got to know and love the underground church Christians in China. There, I experienced many things but I was most convicted by the growing mission movement among the young people in Asia. In the church I was staying at, there were 50 people in their 20s who were all training to become long-term missionaries. As I came back to America and reflected on what I had experienced, I realized that there is nothing more meaningful for me to do in this life than to serve the church in Asia. In order to be equipped, I decided to enroll in seminary at Gordon-Connell, and while I was in school I met Pastor Barry at Symphony, and eventually joined AMI! Through Symphony and AMI, I learned about how missions are done through the church, and that has been a critical piece that shaped my understanding of what being a missionary looks like.

Q: How did you end up in Taiwan?

A: My family and I felt called toward Global Mission. We didn't have a specific place in mind for ourselves; we were willing to go anywhere and commit long-term as long as Symphony and AMI were willing to send us!



Q: What is the “main ministry” at Thrive?

A: Our “main ministry” is a chain of interlinked ministries. Thrive English (English Corner) → ALPHA → Family Group → Servant Team. Each of these four ministries is aimed at reaching people in different places of spiritual growth and the hope is that each subsequent ministry picks up where the previous one ends. The goal is to lead as many people through these four ministries and have them end up being part of our Servant Team, which is the primary disciple-making team at our church.

Q: What are some ways you have seen God move in Taiwan?

A: One of the most effective ministries we've experienced is the ALPHA course. Both Christians and non-Christians find ALPHA to be a very suitable and friendly place to explore faith. Every time we do the course we have at least 50-60 people attend it, with a good percentage of them being seekers. We feel that the reason ALPHA is effective here is especially because in the Taiwanese culture, it's not typical for young people to question their elders. In most Taiwanese churches, a young person wouldn't dare to ask the kinds of questions that we openly discuss in ALPHA.

Q: Do you have any advice for those in cross-cultural service?

A: For me, the best cross-cultural teaching resource has been asking questions and listening to the stories of the locals. When we go out to evangelize, I usually spend 80% of the time just asking questions and listening to what the locals have to say about their own spirituality before sharing about my own. The listening posture is a great way to win people's trust and also to learn the culture.



Some members of Thrive stop and pose for a photo while hiking in Wulai (about 30 miles from Taipei)

Q: How can people support you?

A: Our goal as a church is to raise up as many disciple-makers as possible. We hope that all the members of our church can do the very basics of preaching the gospel, leading worship, and raising up a disciple. With the freedom that God has given us in this time, we want to train as many of these kinds of people as we possibly can. Please pray that our young people would be full of the Spirit and have a kingdom perspective in this training process!

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON RECENTLY AT THRIVE?

This quarter, Thrive had their annual congregational retreat. Almost the entire church showed up. Many experienced spiritual breakthrough, much needed rest, and fellowship with one another.



A group photo from Thrive's Congregational Retreat



The STM team hosting Live at Thrive!

In early June, Thrive hosted an AMI STM team from Renewal and Symphony (see page 13). Together, they shared the gospel with many on campuses and the streets of Taipei. They held evening outreach events that drew in around 200 people, who were all invited to check out ALPHA after.

Currently, summer ALPHA courses are in full swing. So far, they've had at least 25 seekers check out the course! 10 of them signed up and attended Holy Spirit Weekend Away! Praise God!



Just a typical summer ALPHA session

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for those who are attending and finishing up ALPHA, that they encounter the Holy Spirit and accept Christ.
- Looking forward, as they prepare to send two STM teams to rural areas of Taiwan, please pray they would be filled with the Holy Spirit, and have many opportunities to share the Gospel with the children and families they are serving.
- Recently, the Son family has run into some visa issues. They are currently in a 3 to 6 month waiting period for their documents to be authenticated by the US government. This process takes time and may affect their children's school status. Please pray the documents will be processed smoothly and quickly!

For more information on Thrive Church or Thrive English, please visit: thrivetaipei.com, thriveenglish.com.tw or Instagram: [@thrivechurchtaipei](https://www.instagram.com/thrivechurchtaipei) [@thriveenglish_speaking](https://www.instagram.com/thriveenglish_speaking)



STM UPDATES

From April to June 2024, AMI collectively sent out 9 non-medical short term missions teams and 1 medical team to Japan, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Japan, Guatemala, Greece, and Lawndale. Featured are reports by teams that returned by early July.

PEKANBARU, INDONESIA

At the end of April, an iGHO medical team from Church of Southland Anaheim and Chino flew to Pekanbaru to host a medical clinic at Insan Permata Orphanage, as well as another clinic to serve the local people, members of Lighthouse Church, and surrounding neighbors. By God's grace, they were able to serve about 200 people.

The team provided medical, dental, and spiritual care in the form of prayer and counseling. Dental work included tooth extractions, cleanings, treatment of dental caries, and oral hygiene counseling. Medical care addressed chronic issues like diabetes, hypertension, and acid reflux, as well as acute injuries such as musculoskeletal issues and various skin problems, including rashes and infections.



FROM THE TEAM

The team leader, James Hwang, shared “God was moving amongst the children of the orphanage. It was amazing to see how spiritually mature they were as well as being able to see Muslim patients accepting prayer.”



Dr. Sofia Jang treating a young patient with local nursing student and member of Insan Permata orphanage Sry interpreting.



Meena Chung praying for a patient with our interpreter Catherine.





Left: Dr. Gannon Lee getting ready to treat a patient in the dental room with Alain Somphone in the background

Right: Pharmacist Hannah Noh with Sun Kang assisting and Ranga interpreting in our pharmacy department.



Below: Shany Cho with our interpreter Fineka



James noted, “it was truly inspiring to hear from Shany Cho, a member of our prayer team, being so deeply connected with the Spirit while praying for patients. Despite language barriers and differences in faith, even among Muslims, they were able to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.”

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

At the end of May, 9 brothers and sisters from Symphony Church partnered with 6 brothers and sisters from Renewal to participate in an STM hosted by Thrive Church!



They spent the week outreaching and hosting various events, including Thrive English class, a career workshop, and a coffeehouse-style event called “Live at Thrive,” to help nonbelievers build a relationship with Thrive. The team reached over 1,000 people via flyering, prayed for about 300 people, and had about 200 people attend the weekday events. All attendees were invited to an Alpha course that started the following week!

FROM THE TEAM

When asked, “How was God moving?”, team leader Dan Jang shared: “God sustained our team through the difficult weather and climate. He led us to have many good conversations with students, and we were able to pray for many of them as they shared their prayer requests with us. He filled our events, with every event quickly reaching capacity. Records were broken as Thrive was connected with more nonbelievers than ever before!

After the trip, we heard from Pastor David Son that 44 nonbelievers signed up for Alpha, and many came out over the following weeks. There was also a noticeable interest in faith among the nonbelieving students of Thrive English, which hasn't been the case before!”



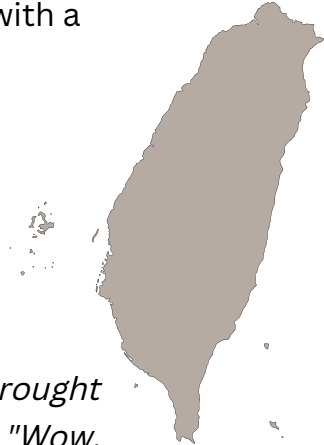
Live at Thrive: STM members performed musical acts and skits for the attendees. At the end, Pastor David presented the gospel.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY?

One team member recalled a conversation with a student named William, who was Buddhist.

After some conversation, William asked, "Don't Christians just believe that their religion makes them good people?" He had the notion that Christians believed that we must be morally good in order to reach heaven. After hearing the Gospel, and understanding the grace that Jesus Christ brought in place of our righteousness, he expressed, "Wow, I've never heard anything like that before."

We had many conversations like the one with William, and many opportunities to share the Gospel and introduce to people to Jesus. We are praying that they would continue to take small steps toward Him!



Prayer "wall" where people can fill out slips of paper with prayer requests, wishes, or hopes. Our team chatted with them while they wrote their prayer requests and prayed for them.

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

At the end of May, six members from Church of Southland and six members from Kairos Christian Church teamed up with New Song Church to host an STM.

They helped out with an English class for one night, and hosted a “Breaker Rock Beach” VBS for 60 children over four days. They also spent one day at an orphanage serving about 100 children by preparing and passing out goodie bags, and playing games together!



A photo of the team and some members of New Song Church staff

FROM THE TEAM

One of the team leaders, Jey Lee, shared “God showed His faithfulness and love over the people in Vietnam. Those that heard the gospel believed, but there are so many I believe that would receive, only if there were more opportunities to share with them. The people in Vietnam seemed to have hearts that would be receptive to God's Word.”



Left: David Nget giving his testimony. And to the right of him is New Song's associate Pastor Sam who is translating.



The youth kids that lead worship during Sunday service at New Song Church.



Every day during VBS, there was nap time! We all love nap time!

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY?

Jey shared “During the 3rd day of VBS, I told the children that it is very important as Christians to repent and receive Jesus in our hearts. So, I asked the students (ages 5-8) if they would like to receive Jesus, and they all raised their hands. I got to lead them in the sinner's prayer, with Ms. Mai (Pastor Phi's wife) who interpreted as the students got to verbalize the sinner's prayers.”



The children that signed up for VBS. Some are church members, but most of them are not believers.

TOKYO, JAPAN

As the Sato family prepares to launch a church plant in Tokyo, two teams were sent this quarter to assist with prayer and hosting outreach events. In early April, the first team, including Pastor Joseph Chung from Remnant Church and two sisters from Church of Southland, traveled to Tokyo to host a kimchi-making event. Here are some photos shared by Missionary Eunmi!





Shortly after, in early June, Pastor Steve from Church of Southland and five other members went to help host English Conversation classes. About fifteen students, including some working young adults and older parents/friends from Pastor Jason's neighborhood attended. Conversation topics covered cooking, eating out, meaningful words, careers, inspirational videos, and medical terms. The team also enjoyed meals with students and ended the week with a picnic for the attendees.



FROM THE TEAM

When asked, “How was God moving?”, Pastor Steve shared “We worshiped, prayer-walked, and lifted up those we met along with our missionaries in their work in Tokyo. We were able to share the gospel with one student who attended multiple events. It will take time and much more sowing to produce fruit in Tokyo, but we saw signs of His work in the short time we were there and very thankful we were able to take part.”



ABOVE: Yas teaching and leading English Conversation Class on how to bake Scones in a rice cooker!



LEFT: Hyun leading English Conversation Class on Careers and Professions

FAVORITE MEMORY?

"There is no place where the light of our Lord cannot reach. I was able to experience the Holy Spirit moving through the joy, love, and dedication of the Japan Missionaries and STM team. Most importantly what God is already doing in each person we were privileged to encounter in Japan. I pray that the missionary team will continue to be the light of Japan." - Yas



Fellowship over food with students and teachers after conversation class.

"I enjoyed the morning routine of devotions, having breakfast, and walking to our bus stop each morning. It prepared me to be flexible and open-hearted each day."

- Doran



Beautiful Day for a Picnic at Yoyogi Park with our Japanese friends



COBAN, GUATEMALA

In mid-June, the Blessing Church sent a team of ten to AMI Coban in Guatemala. They primarily served at the AMI International School by hosting a four-day VBS that ministered to about 50 students. They also conducted house visits, praying for and ministering to over ten families. They also spent time helping reorganize AMIIS's teacher resource room.



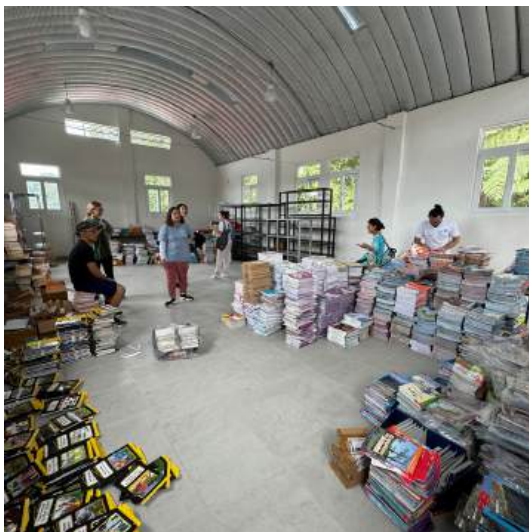
Photo of the VBS team! Pictured here are all 10 of the TBC STMers, and Iglesia La Gracia's Staff + 1 year interns. Our hand gesture is us holding an imaginary pancake (see favorite memory).

FROM THE TEAM:

Team leader Sal Ansari shared his favorite memory: “At the start of our VBS, a girl came up to our welcoming / name tag table, pulled a pancake drenched in syrup out of her backpack, held it in front of her to give it to one our team members, and said ‘For you, I love you!’ This quickly became a core memory for our team. 1. It really showed the heart posture of these kids! While the act was hilariously silly, a little gross, and adorable, it really reflected the young girl's heart, and the hearts of all the children we were serving. It showed us that the kids were so generous with their love, despite not fully knowing us, likely because of how much the kids and their community have grown to trust the AMI International school, Iglesia La Gracia, and AMI as a whole. We continued to see small acts like this that really showed how appreciative the kids were, and the term "pancake" in spanish became our teams way of encouraging one another! Also... instead of liking each other's messages with a heart, we now react with the 🥞 emoji!”



Joe and G facilitate a giant dice game at VBS.



Organizing student resources for AMIIS.



The team setting up VBS decor!



Preparing to take food and pray for a family!



Sisters praying for Maria during a house visit.

When asked “How was God moving?”, Sal Ansari shared “God has been moving mightily in Coban and in Guatemala. Myself and two other team members (Ashley and Becky) were blessed with the opportunity to go to Coban two years in a row.”

BINH DUONG, VIETNAM

At the end of June, a team of six from Church of Southland Chino and Anaheim went to Vietnam! They served the children of Revival Church, Joshua Church, Paul Church, and Love Church by hosting a VBS for about 55 children and 35 youth. They also shared testimonies, held a teacher training workshop for youth and children's ministry volunteers, organized a youth worship night, and hosted a coffee shop meet and greet!



A group picture taken at the coffee shop meet and greet!

FROM THE TEAM:

Team leader, Gahram Chao shared her favorite memory: “When we were eating lunch with the teachers of the 4 churches, after youth ministry training but before the afternoon session, the electricity suddenly turned off [at Love Church] and we all sweated through our lunch; I remember worrying that we'd have to do our afternoon session while everyone is sweltering in the heat/ humidity, and not sure how quickly things would get repaired in a communist country, but then one of the members told us that they were fixing something on that street so they had turned it off on purpose [with no notice], and the church members joked with us that we get the ‘real experience’ of what they go through sometimes when there is no electricity or A/C during the summer, but within about 30-45 minutes after some of us showered in sweat, the electricity came back on. It made me appreciate so much what they go through to be a believer and gather as a church here - not only enduring persecution from their families/ loved ones, but also enduring whatever it takes to meet together in less than ideal facilities with outdoor kitchens where they lovingly cooked for us in the heat and humidity!”



Chris, Toby, and Jack coordinating a game for youth teachers to use for their students.

When asked “How was God moving?”, Gahram shared, “The children felt so loved by us (and the chocolate we brought from the US) and they felt so loved by their teachers & volunteers. They didn't want to go home from VBS; the volunteers were truly encouraged by our love for the children and the training we brought to them, and we were able to pray for the local church members at the worship night where 1 young man stood up to receive prayer for salvation after the altar call was given.”



Jack gave a short message on the Father's Love at youth worship night.



Chris gave a technology workshop during VBS to warn kids about social media and gaming addictions.



Hannah leading the VBS craft



Nancy, Faith, Gahram, Toby, and Jack leading body worship

ATHENS, GREECE

At the end of June, a team of five members from Kairos Church in San Diego traveled to Aabe Hayaat ministry with Sister Grace in Athens for two weeks to help support Iranian and Afghan refugees. Aabe Hayaat specifically ministers to these Farsi speaking groups because of translation limitations. The team did outreach in the form of skits, and tried to build and deepen relationships through games, conversations, Bible reading, volleyball, beach hangouts, Bible studies, and prayer meetings.



This is a photo of the Kairos and Aabe Hayatt team, and some Muslim refugee teenagers reading the Bible and memorizing John 3:16 in Farsi.

FROM THE TEAM

When asked “how God was moving?”, team leader, Esther Chialim, shared “Currently, Iran is the fastest-growing people group to become believers of Jesus Christ. Many Muslims are receiving Jesus and it's pretty cool to witness that. This was apparent to our team as we saw and witnessed the hunger of many of the refugees that we met. We heard stories of how they came to faith and we saw their eagerness to know more about Jesus.



Volleyball fellowship at Alexandria park with the Kairos Team, Aabe Hayaat team, and Muslim refugees.

Aabe Hayaat has weekly prayer meetings (Wed) and Bible Studies (Fri) with refugees that have passed through Athens. A few have even received Christ through these zoom meetings! (picture is intentionally blurry to protect identities of the refugees)





“We didn't have major events like VBS, but rather, our time was spent in the day-to-day fellowshiping with the Aabe Hayaat members and out united mission to reach many Muslim refugees.

I would say our biggest encouragement was a Muslim teenage boy who came out to all our events and was engaged in our activities and even eagerly reading the Bible. He was sincere about wanting to know more about the faith and continued to come out despite his friend's and family's opposition.”



*Kairos Team
performing a gospel
skit at Victoria Park*

*Sister Grace is preaching
during Sunday Service with
a member of Aabe Hayaat
who translates her message
to Farsi.*



LAWNDALE, CALIFORNIA, USA

During fourth of July week, eighteen members from Church of Southland and six members from Tapestry LA Church went to Lawndale for the School of Evangelism at Mourning to Gladness Church with Pastor Danny Han. At the School of Evangelism, they spent their mornings receiving training on how to share the gospel; share their testimonies; hear from God; and prophetically pray for people through the Holy Spirit to bless them and demonstrate the love and power of God.



A photo of the faithful team!

FROM THE TEAM

After training, they put everything into action with campus outreach, hosting a prayer tent, and sharing the gospel at El Camino Community College. They also went door to door, distributing almost 3,000 flyers around Lawndale, to invite the neighborhood to MTG and their VBS Carnival they were hosting.

On Saturday, about 150 people from the city and surrounding neighborhoods came to attend VBS Carnival. Praise God! It was so much fun! They had booths, games, prayer tent (a photo of their excited prayer team below), gospel tent, food, prizes, and a bounce house! The team led the children through body worship and shared a skit to present the gospel.



When asked “how God was moving?”, team leader, Pastor Jonathan Cho, shared “People were so open to the gospel! God was really revealing his heart for Lawndale and the community there, especially the 2nd generation Latino youth. God ministered to our team in powerful ways and also used us to share the gospel and pray for so many people throughout the week as many received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.”

Pastor Jonathan shared one of his favorite memories: “One of our teammates was at the prayer tent during the carnival and she got to pray for so many young children and bless them as many young families came out to enjoy the carnival”



Sharing the gospel with the children and their families at the gospel tent!



ADDITIONAL UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS

COBAN, GUATEMALA

LA IGLESIA DE GRACIA, AMI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
PASTOR JONATHAN & STEPHANIE MOON,
ELDER JOHN & UNRAN KIM,
MISSIONARY JOHN & YISHO KIM,
PASTOR KATEY ERICKSON AND LUIS XUC

Prayer Requests for Iglesia La Gracia

- As the church continues to grow steadily, please pray they will be able to raise up more leaders to help lead life groups and other ministries
- As they start a new series on relationships, pray the church body will cultivate deep and meaningful relationships that will lead to working together to expand His Kingdom

Prayer Requests for AMI International School

- As they start their first 6th grade class, please pray for a good start to the new school year in August
- Please pray for the new interns and teachers who will be teaching this year
- Please pray for additional teachers for the 2024-2025 school year



Updates and Prayer Requests from Pastor Katey and Luis:

- Luis and the maintenance team have a lot of work to do during the school break. Please pray for them as they work extra hard fixing things at the school. Pray for Luis as he disciplines and walks life with his maintenance team.
- As they revamp their after-school program and classes with local kids from the public school in their village, and have added a new teacher and new classes, pray for wisdom in implementing these changes and for the right children to join the program, which begins the first week of August.
- Luis' maternal grandma, Abuela Rita, has been dealing with a lot of health issues due to advanced skin cancer. Please lift up her health and family as she seeks treatment
- They received four new interns on July 1st and are excited to serve together over the next year! Please pray for their transition to living and serving in Coban.



The new church offices are almost finished. They hope to be using them by August!



A recent couple photo from a recent church member's wedding ☺



Visiting local businesses every Monday to get to know the owners & workers and pray for them has been such a blessing!



Big smiles from a couple church kids!



The church kids have a deeper desire to study the Bible. Katey has had wonderful conversations with them about hard topics that they want to better understand, such as Jesus being fully God and fully human.

EAST ASIA

NLC
PASTOR AS & RL

Prayer Requests from Pastor AS:

- NLC continues to focus on and prepare for the New Friends ministry, recognizing the challenge for new people to fit into the church community. Please lift up this ministry and the staff as they seek to join God's work through prayer, forming new teams, and running Alpha ministries.
- They are still searching for a new location for Sunday services. Please pray that God will open the way and lead them to the right place.
- This month (July), they are preparing to send four missions teams across three cities. They will be hosting VBS, youth camps, and other activities. Please pray for God's protection, travel mercies, and that they return with blessings.



Prayer Requests from Pastor RL:

- Many students have graduated from college and grad school this semester. God has blessed many through these graduates. Pray that God continues to build them up and use them to pass down His mission and blessings.
- During the summer break, students face challenges as they return home with unstable routines and inconsistent spiritual practices. Pray that they persist in their daily relationship with God.
- In August, they will welcome a new intern. Pray for her adjustment and for God's provision in her needs, including living accommodations, language studies, plugging into ministry, etc. As they approach the new semester, pray for faith and wisdom to embrace the opportunities and challenges it brings.



EAST ASIA

PVD

PASTOR EL& AL (YP SITE) & PASTOR NC (JA SITE)

Praise God they have 22 people participating in July short-term missions this year. They are also sending two one year interns this year!

Prayer Requests:

- Lift up their July short-term mission, that God would bless the local people through their team and keep their teams safe.
- Pray for the families in the church, marriage and relationships, and their children's education. Also, pray that God will prepare the staff for ministry in these areas.
- Pray for the relationships between believers in the church, that God would give them a united heart and a spirit of love for one another.



EAST ASIA

RCC-

PASTOR JZ & MISSIONARY K

Prayer Requests from Pastor JZ:

- This summer, they are hosting a Scripture study group to strengthen participants through the truth. They are also preparing to start Experiencing God in September. Please pray for people's hearts to be prepared.
- Pray for the spiritual growth of the congregation, especially for those who are in the process of being broken and rebuilt. Pray that God will reveal His heart for each of them.
- Pray for their family to humbly seek God's presence in this new period and to grow with Him as the center of their lives.



MK gives thanks to God that the initial translation of the Introduction & Chapter 1 of *River Dwellers* has been completed, and editing on these sections has begun. As of June 30, their income has been sufficient to pay workers a fair salary and cover business expenses for the first half of the year. They are happy and thankful!

Prayer Requests from Missionary K:

- TRANSLATION: Please continue to pray for good cooperation within the team and for the work to be carried out with both excellence and efficiency.
- BUSINESS: Please pray for continuing business development: a) for more, worthwhile translation projects, b) for good partnerships with online publishers and/or booksellers to distribute the content they translate, making it accessible to the people of this country.
- CAMPUS: In the past several months, MK has met people interested in serving college students and those looking for a group near the campus to join. Pray for a Bible study during the summer to gather potential leaders into a loving community with a unified vision. Also, pray they would be able to find and connect with students coming this fall.
- LANGUAGE: Pray for language ability to improve in the following areas to increase effectiveness in ministry: a) fluency in prayer, b) understanding spontaneous prophetic visions and words, c) storytelling



SINGAPORE

GRACE COVENANT CHURCH SINGAPORE
PASTOR PAUL & AILSA LIU

Prayer Requests:

- MULTIPLICATION: Diversity is a significant challenge in community groups. With members from various countries and backgrounds, it takes time to develop closeness and trust.
 - *Pray that leaders would be uniters and disciple-makers*
 - *Pray for real spiritual growth and accountability among members.*
 - *Pray that their groups would reach out to those around them.*
 - *Pray for future leaders to be raised up!*
- FOLLOW UP: They've had an influx of newcomers and visitors this year. Pray for divine appointments as they follow up:
 - *That those who don't know Christ might respond to the gospel.*
 - *That those who are uncommitted might hear God's call to belong and take responsibility.*
 - *That those who are hurt might find care and healing.*



- PARENTING: Their staff desires to be more engaged with parents in encouraging spiritual conversation and prayer at home
 - *Pray they might cast the vision and equip parents to make disciples in their home.*



Fellowship & Prayer with STM teams from Radiance, GCC, and Tapestry

PEKANBARU, INDONESIA

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH, INSAN PERMATA
ORPHANAGE, LOS FOGOS SCHOOL
PASTOR JONEDY & ANA UMBOH

Prayer Requests:

- Please continue to pray for the future Jakarta Church plant. Pray God would prepare thirsty souls, team members, and a location. Ask for God's perfect timing to start the church and for wisdom and confirmation throughout this process.
- Please continue to lift up Los Fogos School and Insan Permata Orphanage. Pray that the children and teenagers would encounter God, be saved, and receive divine purpose in life. Pray that God would continue to cover and provide for them.



The joy of missions!





In July, GCC and Radiance helped host VBS at For Logos School.



A picture of the STM team after church service at Lighthouse Church



Ministering to the children's ministry at the rubbish dump site



GCC and Radiance helped host a retreat for the teachers and staff.



Los Fogos Kindergarten Graduation



5 people were baptized!

TOKYO, JAPAN

PREPARING FOR CHURCH PLANT

PASTOR JASON & JESSICA SATO

Prayer Requests:

- Open hearts as God opens more doors for student ministry
- That the Japanese people they are studying the Bible with will experience God's love personally
- God's leading as they minister to neighborhood families
- A smooth transition for the new intern and for the intern who will be returning to the US



A look into one of their baking classes!



A photo from the kimchi making class with the STM team that visited in April

MISSIONARY EUNMIJEON

Eunmi reports and praises God for a refreshing time at the missionary gathering in Vietnam this quarter. She is thankful for the AMI family and all the local ladies she has had the opportunity to meet. She knew it was God, but now she sees it is truly all about God's blessing and grace.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for God's guidance to meet people who are desperate for the gospel
- Pray for God's wisdom to continue building up relationships with the local ladies and to effectively preach the gospel to them
- Pray that she remains focused, hears God's word clearly, and nurtures her personal relationship with God.



Student event from COS STM



HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

REVIVAL CHURCH
PASTOR PHUONG TRUONG

Praise God for His faithfulness in the summer programs. They were able to host multiple programs ministering to children, youth, and families, with have another program scheduled for July 19-21. Praise God for His blessing over the discipleship class of about fifty members that meets every Monday evening. Praise God they were also able to through Experiencing God together this quarter!

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray God would bless and guide Pastor Phuong and Mr. Loc in leading the discipleship class, and that this class would equip and help church members experience God more intimately.
- Please pray for the overall health and finances of the staff and team.
- Please lift up their current STM, that many may come to know and accept Christ as Lord.

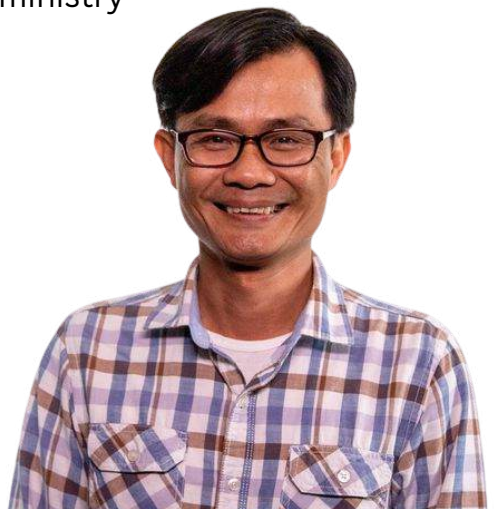


NEW SONG CHURCH PASTOR PHI TRAN

This summer has been packed with events, including hosting STM teams! Praise God for all He has been doing.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Jose, Sea's husband, who was found to have a tumor in his chest. Pray for his healing and health.
- Lift up their English camp from July 19-21. Pray God would open the hearts of 20 students attending to receive the gospel. Pray God's anointing on the team, that they may effectively share the gospel with many.
- As they receive new interns, pray that God would be with them and that the transitions would be smooth.
- Please continue to lift up their building project, specifically that the land would be covered by the blood of Jesus, that the area would be sanctified, and that God would open doors for a church and ministry there.



HAI PHONG, VIETNAM

RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH
LIVING WATER LANGUAGE CENTER
PASTOR TRINA & DAVEY PHAM
PASTOR TINA & ANTHONY PHAM

Prayer Requests:

- Currently, a rental building is being renovated. They hope to be finished by the end of July. Please pray for favor in this process.
- Pray that they will secure a permit for worship at the new location.
- Lift up the brothers and sisters at River of Life Church, that they would completely trust in His orchestration and sovereignty.
- Continue to lift up ATZ Phamily as they reach their one-year mark in Vietnam! Pray that God would refresh and encourage them in this transition, help them acquire language, give them His heart for the people and city, and equip them for long-term service!



CISTERNA DI LATINA, ITALY

LIVING WORD CHURCH

PASTOR ALESSANDRO & ALLISON DI LEONARDO

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for God to move in the hearts of nonbelievers, leading them to seek Him and accept Christ.
- Please pray for the continued growth of the people, including the youth of Living Word, that they may desire to grow in Christ and be used by Him.
- As they begin to have regular attendance and a children's ministry, pray for more helpers in this ministry and for a leader.
- Continue to lift up the Di Leonardo family's health.
- Pray for Allison's Italian Citizenship process.
- Lift up the transitions for the one-year intern, and the two new interns, specifically for their visa process.



ATHENS, GREECE

AABE HAYAAT HELLAS
SISTER GRACE KIM

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the leaders of AHH to have God's wisdom and love as they minister to refugees in Athens, Germany, and beyond.
- Pray for the brothers living in ministry house, that they will be equipped and be transformed day by day by His Word.
- Pray for the summer outreach and for divine appointments with children and families.
- Pray for the many refugees who leave during the summer, that they may hear the gospel and receive God's love during their time in Athens.



ADDITIONAL NEWS

AMI INSTITUTE



Beginning the last week of May, about 45 people (not all pictured) from all of the AMI North America churches gathered at Church of Southland Chino to attend AMI Institute for a time of fellowship and equipping. The first week was dedicated to sharing the vision and beliefs of AMI with new leaders. The second week focused on equipping the one year interns. Thank you to Pastor Ryun, Church of Southland Chino, and all the guest speakers for hosting a wonderful time together!

AMI REVOLUTION



At the end of June, about 290 college students and young adults gathered in Philadelphia for a weekend at worship, fellowship, and teaching at AMI Revolution. God worked powerfully throughout the conference, with many stories of God meeting His people in transformative ways. We are praying that God will continue to fan into flame the many convictions that were experienced that weekend. May God continue to raise up a new generation in AMI! A BIG thank you to Grace Covenant Church for hosting!

AMI LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

As many leaders across AMI will be gathering at Church of Southland in Anaheim from Thursday, July 25 to Saturday, July 27, please lift up this event! Pray that it will be a time of refreshing, deepening fellowship with one another, and equipping for both current and future endeavors!

AMI 1 YR INTERNSHIP



A photo of the interns taken in Philadelphia. Praise God for the opportunity for young adults to serve for one year under the guidance of an AMI missionary. As most of our fifteen interns have been sent, please lift up the interns, sending churches, and the missionaries and sites that will be receiving them. To find out how to partner with them in prayer and/or finances, or to find out more, please visit goingami.com. To follow their journeys, please follow @going_ami on Instagram, with updates beginning in August!

AMI SHORT TERM MISSIONS

Please continue to keep our churches in prayer as many members prepare to go out on STMs. Pray that God would be made known and glorified in every place and every heart!

