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# HIGHLIGHT STORY

## TOKYO, JAPAN

### *INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR JASON SATO*

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

I was saved at the end of high school after some of my friends began inviting me to church. At first, I only went to the youth group's Friday night service so I could play video games with my friends beforehand. Honestly, I knew nothing about Christianity and didn't think very highly of Christians.

But my friends, the other kids in the youth group, and Pastor Sung (haha) consistently welcomed me and gave me space to learn and experience God. Even though I disagreed with a lot at first, the more I learned about Jesus, the more amazed I was that someone like Him could exist. He was so different from anyone or anything I had ever known.

In the middle of my senior year, during an evening service, I was singing and suddenly realized—I believed! In that moment, I had become a Christian without even knowing it. God is good.

My call to ministry came during an STM to OTR. I was given the chance to share a short teaching from the Bible, and afterward, my pastor, along with the OTR pastors and their wives, encouraged me to develop my teaching gift. Pastor Johann simply said, "So you're going to be a pastor..." and walked away (haha).

At the time, I had just enrolled in a graduate program without even praying about it, and I was also returning to church after a season away. That night, with a light schedule, I spent hours in prayer and experienced God's love and forgiveness in a powerful way. When I returned home, I talked with my pastor—and soon after, I enrolled in seminary.

**Q: How did you meet Jessica?**

We met at the college ministry that would eventually become Kairos.

**Q: When did you join AMI?**

We joined when Pastor Mark planted Kairos.



### **What has been happening recently?**

This month we'll start a Saturday evening service called Oasis and next month we'll start alpha with Eunmi's friends. We'll also start doing outreach on a third campus and start a student meeting there.



### **What is the demographic?**

We serve a wide range of people in our community, including families, single working adults, and college students.



### **What are the various ministries ?**

We host bible studies, a seeker meeting, an English conversation club for university students, and holiday children's events. We also run a cultural exchange club that targets working adults and families.





**How would you describe Japan's faith climate?**

Japan is known to be a spiritually dry place. A friend describes it as being on a mountain where the air is thin. Tokyo in particular is spiritually noisy and there's a weariness that I think is largely spiritual. In the midst of this, there are many Japanese Christians fighting the good fight, faithfully loving people despite rejection and indifference. We clearly see God's steadfast love for the people here in many ways.

**What are some ways you have witnessed God moving in Japan?**

The ways that we have met people or been able to start ministries has been miraculous but the primary blessing has been to see our people changing. Almost all the people who join our Bible studies and Christian services had never been to church or even heard the gospel when we first met them. Initially, many were quite resistant to even talking about faith and God has given us the chance to see their hearts changing and developing real interest in knowing more about Jesus and faith. In June we hosted a retreat and 11 non-Christians joined us and we could see visible shifts in their attitudes and even their joy. Time and time again, we have seen God persistently pursuing people whether they are seeking Him or not.

# *PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PASTOR JASON & JESSICA SATO*

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PASTOR JASON & JESSICA SATO:**

- Sept 20 we will be starting Oasis, a Sat evening worship service. Please pray our people can taste and see God's goodness.
- Oct 25th we will also start Alpha. Please pray God can open the heart of every participant.
- Please pray for evangelism opportunities for our two new interns, Josh and AJ.



## **Q: How can people support you?**

The most important way you can support us is through prayer. The church has sent tens of thousands of missionaries and spent hundreds of millions of dollars on missions to Japan. People who are far smarter, more gifted, and better with language and culture than us have been laboring here for hundreds of years. God has to open the hearts of the people. Since we moved, we've invited people to sign up for 6 month commitments to pray for us weekly and we'd love to have more prayer support. We expect spiritual warfare to increase as God gives us new opportunities and we want to be able to focus on loving our people. A secondary way to help is to connect us to any Japanese people you know who live in the Tokyo region. A third would be to develop friendships with Japanese international students and immigrants in your communities. Usually the way into Japanese people's hearts is through Christian community.

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# MISSIONARY EUNMI JUN

## *INTERVIEW WITH MISSIONARY EUMMI JUN*

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

For many years, I struggled with hopelessness. After my mother passed away, I felt I had to do something, so I came to the United States hoping for change. But soon I realized that even here, I was still hopeless.

In that place of brokenness, God led me to a church where I encountered Him. For the first time, I realized that there might be hope in God. His grace transformed my life from hopelessness to a hope and joy I had never experienced until I met Him.

As I grew in faith and experienced healing, my passion to share this hope with others who feel there is none grew as well.

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

During discipleship training at Remnant Church in New York, God led the church leaders and me to pray and reflect on His calling for my life. After completing my nursing studies, by His grace, I was sent out as a missionary. In 2010, I was sent out to Shanghai.

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

I don't focus on just one specific ministry, but instead follow God's leading to meet the needs of each place He sends me. In Shanghai, I supported church members and shared the gospel. Now in Tokyo, as we prepare to plant a church, much of my time is spent building relationships and sharing God's love through everyday activities—whether it's cooking classes, Korean conversation clubs, or simple fellowship. My heart is to remain available to God's direction so that His love may be made known wherever I am.





# MISSIONARY EUNMI JUN

## **Q: How can people support you?**

Above all, what is most needed is prayer. Tokyo in particular feels like a place in deep need of spiritual prayer, and there are times when I myself feel weary. But we know that if God does not open the doors for the gospel, our efforts alone cannot accomplish anything. That is why we rely on prayer above everything else—for strength, for renewal, and for God’s Spirit to move powerfully in this city.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

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## PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES FOR MISSIONARY EUNMI:

### UPDATES:

- **Alpha Event in Shibuya**

From October 25 to November 29, we will host a six-week Alpha event in Shibuya from 12:30–14:30. Currently, about four people have shown interest, and we are praying about inviting a few more. We are grateful to God for this opportunity.

- **Kabukicho Ministry**

Through a friend, I was introduced to the Kabukicho ministry team and have been attending about twice a month. Though I'm still adjusting to the atmosphere, it has been a truly blessed time, and I thank God for the chance to be part of this work.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that God's Word will touch the hearts of everyone attending Alpha, knowing that true faith comes only through Him.
- Pray that all participants will be able to attend for the full six weeks.
- Pray for us to have the courage and faith to invite those whom God desires to bring.



# NLC

## EAST ASIA

### PASTOR AS & PASTOR RL



#### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PASTOR RL:

##### Prayer Requests:

- Servants' Retreat & Semester Activities

Pray for the Servants' Retreat, new semester activities, and Alpha. Ask God to give faith and wisdom to focus on what truly matters, and to provide suitable venues, coworkers, and new friends.

- Rest & Growth in the Word

As the semester begins, pray that brothers and sisters will find rest and worship in the Lord, be nourished by His Word, and grow strong in faith so their service will be lasting and fruitful.

- Open Doors for the Gospel

Pray that God will raise up "persons of peace" on campus and in the community, opening doors for the gospel to be shared and bear fruit.

- Love & Boldness to Share Christ

Pray that RISE brothers and sisters will be filled with the love of Christ, carrying a burden for classmates and friends. Ask that they draw near to those who feel rejected or troublesome, and, without shrinking back, share the gospel with God's Word and love.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PASTOR AS:

##### Praise & Prayer Updates:

- Thanksgiving: Praise the Lord for the peaceful conclusion of the three STM teams this summer, and for the opportunity to bless the local people everywhere we went.
- Church Planting: We have begun the church planting process, and NLC will launch our fourth congregation in October. Pray for the complete leadership of the Holy Spirit in this work.
- Interns: Two new one-year interns who joined our staff team in August. Pray that God would lead us to serve together in unity.





# RCC

*EAST ASIA*

*PASTOR JC*



## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PASTOR RC:**

- Starting September 19th, we will launch an Alpha group with over a dozen new friends. Pray that God would prepare their hearts and schedules, and that RCC members would maintain a spirit willing to serve, care for, and pray for them, joining together in the work He is doing.
- Pray for those serving on the worship, prayer, equipment, and Sunday school ministry teams at RCC. Ask the Holy Spirit to sustain their lives in Scripture and prayer so that their knowledge and experience of God may grow daily.
- Pray for my wife and me, that God would give us wisdom and strength to serve couples who are married or dating, as He has recently shown us the needs of this group.
- Our second child is due at the end of the year. Pray that our family would remain focused on trusting in God's faithfulness and presence.

# MISSIONARY KATE MOON

## *EAST ASIA*



### **PRAISE REPORTS:**

Praise the Lord! All the prayer requests from the last newsletter were answered, though not without some spiritual battle.

- On the day of the summer music outreach, a challenge nearly prevented the testimony speaker from attending, but God sustained him and the attack ended once the event was over.
- Many in the audience were deeply moved by his story and asked how he found the strength to forgive –opening the door to point them to Christ.
- God also provided us with a wonderful ministry space in a cultural hub, complete with a courtyard café that creates natural opportunities to connect with the community through music and art.



### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSIONARY KATE:**

- Pray for the believers here to remain faithful in following up with those in whom we see the Spirit moving.
- Pray for our friends still on their journey, that the Holy Spirit would continue working in their hearts.
- Pray for our ministry space—both the ongoing renovations and future use—that it would become a place of blessing for all who gather there. Also pray for good relationships with the other companies in the building, and for wisdom to steward opportunities well, such as busking in the courtyard when invited by management.
- Pray that I would be a faithful seminary student (now in my second year), managing my time well between schoolwork and ministry.

# PVD

## EAST ASIA

### PASTOR N.C.

#### PRAISE REPORTS/ UPDATES:

- Praise God that his second baby son just turned one year old! Even more, we rejoice that the hole in his heart has been completely healed. God's goodness and faithfulness are on full display in this testimony of life and healing.
- P. N's wife, A, is increasing her involvement into 3 ministries; Youth Ministry- she is excited to begin serving and building relationships with the next generation, starting a Single Women's Ministry- to grow as a space for fellowship, encouragement, and discipleship among sisters and Sunday School & Worship Team.
- STM's Opportunities; Sichuan Villages- after 3-4 years of building relationships, have developed from academic tutoring into a Christian retreat format. Cambodia- exploration has begun toward partnering with a village church, creating opportunities for gospel preaching.



#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for our Alpha course, which will begin in mid-September, that God will prepare the hearts of new friends.
- Pray for our retreat at the end of October, that we may experience the work of the Holy Spirit and renewal in our relationships.
- Pray for our youth ministry, asking God to provide us with appropriate resources and prepare brothers and sisters who are moved.



**ABD**  
*EAST ASIA*  
*PASTOR E.L.*



**PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Baby Boy #4

Praise God for the safe arrival of Baby #4! Pray for continued health, recovery, and God's hand of protection and blessing over the entire family as we adjust to life with our newest member.

- Church Demographics

Our church family currently consists of 40 adults and 9 children, including 4 young families. Praise God for the unique balance of 50% brothers and 50% sisters—a rare demographic in Chinese church contexts that are often female-dominated. Pray that God will continue to raise up faithful men alongside sisters to serve and build His kingdom together.

- Outreach Strategy

Praise God for the opportunities to connect with the community through the "Ask Me" outreach strategy, using music at public picnics. Pray that this effort will continue to draw new people and lead to genuine conversions through the Alpha course.

- Healing Miracles

We thank God for His healing work in our midst. Please pray that His power would be revealed even more, bringing both physical restoration and spiritual awakening among the people.

# IGLESIA LA GRACIA AMI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

*COBÁN, GUATEMALA*

*PASTOR JON & STEPHANIE MOON*

*ELDER JOHN & UNRAN KIM*

*PASTOR KATEY & LUIS XUC*



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

- Our 5 one year interns (Timothy, Joyce, Issac, Anna, and Noah) arrived at the beginning of July. They jumped right into serving. We are so grateful for them and excited about this year together! The second photo is of intern Joyce teaching in her classroom at the international school.



- The new school year for the international school started at the beginning of August. We currently have up to 7th grade. It's been such a great start to the school year! Please pray for our students, especially the ones who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior - may they all grow academically and spiritually this year.



# COBÁN, GUATEMALA

- Our church staff had an all day planning meeting and fellowship (we explored some local caves after praying and planning all day). We prayed for our church and planned the next year of ministry. We are excited to be a part of what God is doing in our congregation! Please pray for each of our staff and the ministries they lead.



- We had the first ever AMI Institute Latin America. Multiple AMI pastors came down for a week to build into our staff and lay leaders, teach us more about AMI, and pray for and with us. It was such a blessing!! Our staff and leaders were excited to learn more about the mission of AMI and the family of churches that we are a part of. From this group of leaders we are electing our first deacons (for now they will be deacons in training). Please be praying for our leaders and the future of Iglesia La Gracia and AMI Latin America.

- We just had 5 families dedicate their babies during one of our Sunday services. Our church is growing and we are excited to see the next generation that God is building up in his church, even from infancy.





# LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH INSAN PERMATA ORPHANAGE FOS LOGOS SCHOOL

*JAKARTA, PEKANBARU, INDONESIA*

*PASTOR WON & HOPE KIM  
PASTOR JONEDY & ANA UMBOH*



## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### Official Launch

- Pray for the official launch of the church on Sunday, October 12, 2025. Ask God to establish a living church that loves Him and loves people.

### Church Needs

- Pray for a suitable long-term meeting place, legal registration, and long-term visas for missionaries and interns. Pray also for gifted, worshipful musicians to be raised up.

### Language Learning

- Pray for P. Won, Hope, and the interns as they continue their language acquisition, that God would give them perseverance and skill.

### Holy & Pleasing Church

- Pray that Lighthouse Church would be established as a church wholly pleasing to God in every way.

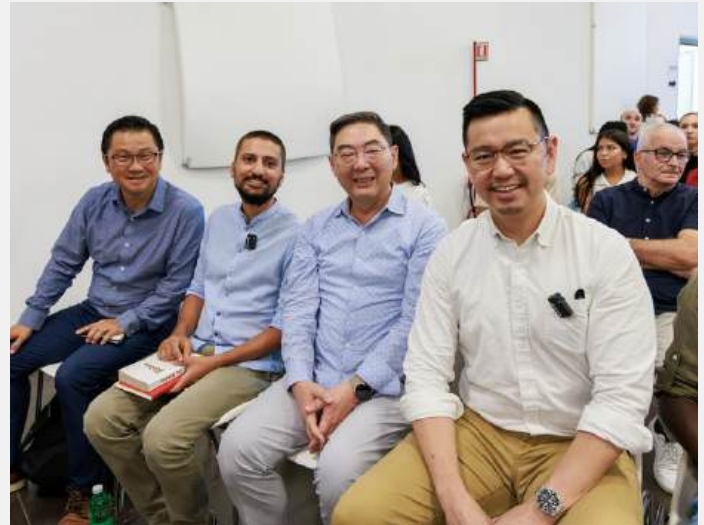
### In the Midst of Unrest

- Pray that God would draw people to Himself, even in the midst of protests and demonstrations in Indonesia
- Pray for the health and well-being of the children at the orphanage, that they may thrive and flourish at Insan Permata.
- Pray for the staff, that God would encourage them and give them strength as they care for the children around the clock.

# LIVING WORD CHURCH

*CISTERNA DI LATINA, ITALY*

*PASTOR ALESSANDRO & ALLISON DI LEONARDO*



## **PRAISE REPORTS & UPDATES:**

- On September 6–7, we held a joint conference with local churches where P. Keith, P. Young, and P. Ulysses were guest speakers. Praise God for the many blessings poured out during those two days.
- We welcomed STM teams from GCC Philly, JCA, and Canvas, who led a VBS, Youth Camp, and Church Retreat—a time of joy and impact for all involved.
- At the Church Retreat, five people were baptized—praise the Lord for transformed lives!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for Gabriele, a native Italian, who began his internship with Living Word on September 1. Ask God to bless his transition and ministry.
- Pray for the new academic year, as we focus on reaching the youth of Cisterna with the gospel.





# GRACE COVENANT CHURCH

*SINGAPORE*

*PASTOR PAUL & AILSA LIU*



## **PRAISE REPORTS & UPDATES:**

- In July, we welcomed a team from Tapestry LA Church who led our first ENCOUNTER retreat. Many experienced healing as God addressed fears, misconceptions, and wounds, and invited us into deeper vulnerability.
- Our children's and youth pastors have switched roles, and both ministries are adjusting. We're praying this transition will strengthen teens' sense of belonging, raise up new leaders, and engage parents more as spiritual leaders at home.
- Community groups are growing deeper! One multiplied into two, and another couple launched a new group for couples without children called living room—a place to rest and relate.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray that God would stir a deep hunger for Him in our church, breaking patterns of comfort and self-protection, and giving us urgency to share Christ in a busy, materialistic culture.
- Pray for renewed energy and vision for our CG leaders. Ask that CGs become places of encouragement and joy, where faith is strengthened despite busy schedules.
- Pray for boldness and urgency as witnesses. With four out of five in Singapore not knowing Christ, pray that our members would be a clear, attractive testimony of God's love and goodness.
- Pray for the formation of our deacons team—that they would be equipped and mobilized for ministry and service.





# THRIVE CHURCH

*TAIPEI, TAIWAN  
PASTOR DAVID & GRACE SON*



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

- Demographic Shift

The church is transitioning toward a local Taiwanese focus while maintaining bilingual accessibility. The congregation has shifted from a 50/50 Taiwanese-foreign mix to a majority Taiwanese, with an average age of 27.

- Prison Ministry

Serving in a 4,000-inmate international prison, the ministry sees 200 in regular attendance, requiring presentations in five languages. Many have been baptized, with about half of the attendees receiving baptism within prison walls. Communion is held consistently.

- Church Partnerships & Missions

Thrive has collaborated in multi-church STM efforts with Beijing New Life and Boston Symphony Churches, and is sending its first long-term missionary to Cambodia through an OMF partnership—a sign of growing missions maturity.

### Post-Alpha Discipleship

- Following Alpha, 30 seekers are now part of Faith Exploration Family groups—the highest number of seekers in the church's history.

# RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

HAIPHONG, VIETNAM

*PASTOR TRINA & DAVEY PHAM*

*PASTOR TINA & ANTHONY PHAM*



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Leadership Transition**

Pray for the leadership transition as Pastor Trina and Davey Pham prepare to move to Ho Chi Minh City by 2026, and Pastor Tina with Anthony begin leading the ministry in Hai Phong.

- **Core Members and Leadership Team**

Pray for the team: Pastor Tina, Missionary Anthony, the Local staff members/leaders: Levi, Dr Grace, Dr Ruth, Dr Naomi, Dr Nancy, Mia and Intern Sarah. Pray that God would unite and strengthen them for ministry.

- **Campus Ministry**

Pray that they would clearly follow God's direction in reaching and ministering to college campuses.



# NEW SONG CHURCH

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

PASTOR PHI & MAI TRAN



*During the Tapestry STM, one member shared his testimony and led a time of intercession. It was a powerful moment in which about eleven students either accepted Christ or expressed strong curiosity about faith. Since then, some of these students have begun attending Sunday services and starting Bible classes at the church, while others are being connected with individuals at New Song who continue to walk with them and shepherd their curiosity.*

## PRAISE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- After finishing the summer retreats, New Song said farewell to the four interns- Adam, Dena, Eric & Joy, who had served faithfully for the past year. Shortly after, the church welcomed its first new intern of the year.
- New staff members joined the main team, and together they spent time in prayer and meetings to plan for the coming year.
- New Song is sending Pastor Sam and his family to support Revival Church in Ho Chi Minh City. Pastor Sam has faithfully served as assistant pastor since 2020, leading cell groups, good works, and worship. This transition will allow him to grow in leadership while helping Revival launch new ministries—please pray for him, his wife Khanh, and their four sons as they begin this new season.



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### God's Guidance in Ministry

- Pray that New Song would continually follow God's plan and will, keeping His guidance and presence at the center of every ministry, and seeking His kingdom first in all things.

### Pastor Sam's Family

- Pray for Pastor Sam and his family as they faithfully serve at Revival Church for the next year.

### AMI Building Project

- Pray for the completion of the AMI building, which will become New Song's main church building in the next one to two years.

### Full-Time Staff & Leaders

- Pray for God's anointing and wisdom upon the full-time staff and leaders of New Song as they shepherd the church.





# REVIVAL CHURCH

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

PASTOR PHUONG TRUONG



## **PRAISE REPORT:**

*We give thanks to God for His help, protection, and blessing over this summer's programs for children and youth. By His grace, the activities were very fruitful.*

*We thank God for the STM teams' dedicated service and love. Through VBS and STM, the children and youth grew in their knowledge of God, experienced joy through games and group activities, and—most importantly—deepened their relationship with Him.*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for Pastor Phuong and the church personnel to serve with unity, initiative, and responsibility, and for children's teachers to be strengthened as they invite more participation in ministry.
- Pray for Mr. Lam (youth and young adults leader, STM contact) and his wife Ms. Thuy (Cell Group leader), that their service would be fruitful and a blessing to the church.
- Pray for Mr. Toàn and his family, serving as interns from New Song for one year, that they would integrate well and encourage the ministry team under the mentorship of Pastor Phuong, Pastor Phi, and Hieu.





# PAUL CHURCH

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

PASTOR LOC NGUYEN



## PRAISE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- VBS (June 30–July 2, 2025)

The HCMC-4 STM team from Church of Southland Anaheim partnered with us to hold VBS. Praise God that: Ten youths were baptized during the VBS pool outing. Five non-believing children began attending Sunday worship regularly after VBS.

- “Hope for Kids” Ministry

We continue providing monthly gifts for 27 children, helping them continue their education and building relationships with their parents with the hope of leading families to Christ.

- Worship Training (August 18–23, 2025)

The HCMC-6 STM team from Church of Southland Anaheim joined us to train a worship team. Praise God that: A worship team was formed with core members of Paul Church. One parent came to faith in Jesus.

- Start of Second Service (July 2025)

By the end of July, we launched a second service geared toward young people serving in various ministries during the first service.



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the core teams serving God in various ministries – Children, Cell Group, Youth, Worship, Visitation & Encouragement, Evangelism, and Communication & Media.
- Pray that they would recognize their calling and faithfully contribute to God's work.
- Pray that they would be anointed and rely fully on God's power as they serve.

# STM: VBS

## HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

### NEW SONG CHURCH & TAPESTRY

JUNE 27–JULY 7

#### TAP TEAM

#### TAPESTRY'S TEAM:

Justin, Eunice, Priscilla, Rachel, Chloe, Jeremiah, Elisha, Josh, and led by Jayne & Austin



#### What type of STM did the team do?

Our ministry was more relational as we served alongside New Song to help run a Teenage Camp and a Young Adult English Camp. We also had opportunities to share test testimonies during Sunday service as well as fellowship with New Song English Class members.

#### TEAM TAP PERFORMING A SKIT: "HEARTBROKEN"



"WHO & WHAT HAS YOUR HEART & IS IT FULFILLING YOU?"

We saw the Lord moving in the way he has been and continues to provoke curiosity and openness among Vietnam's youth. We had one sister who, after weeks of being piqued and seeking for answers, ended up at the English Camp, and through a series of conversations, one of our Tapestry sisters had the privilege of leading her in prayer to accept Jesus.



WITH THE YOUNGER SISTERS AT TEEN CAMP

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

We had a bonfire during English camp, and somehow, someone was able to convince the group to start dancing around it in circles. It was a hot and sweaty Vietnam evening, but joy and laughter overcame all discomfort. I remember seeing one of the more timid, shy girls trying to pull in her friend standing off to the side. The friend resisted at first but eventually gave in and joined the crowd. Seeing the shy girl take the initiative to invite her friend really impressed on me as I realized you can only invite another if you belong to something. I praised God for the belonging that comes from knowing him and being a part of his family, and I praised God for the invitations we get to extend from that place of belonging.



**STM: PEKANBARU, INDONESIA**  
**TEAM: THE BLESSING CHURCH**  
**& RADIANCE**  
**WHEN: JUNE 28–JULY 8**  
**TYPE OF STM: VBS,**  
**STAFF/TEACHER RETREAT &**  
**PARENTING SEMINAR**

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

God moved in each aspect of the trip. Through VBS God touched the hearts of roughly 160 children (30 from Insan Permata and the rest from Fos Logos) and filled them with joy and praise. There was a unity in PRAISE that was so powerful and brought immediate spiritual connection between our team and the locals. We were able to witness the fruit of the ministry as we saw the children who grew up at Insan Permata now give back and serve so faithfully. Through the staff/teacher retreat, we saw God breaking strongholds in some of the teachers and God taking them through a process of healing. Through the parenting seminar, God equipped the parents with the foundational principles of Scripture and practical tools in understanding their role in developing the gifts and talents God has given their children.

**A Team member's/ whole team's favorite memory?**

Each one of our team members was touched personally by God and has their own stories to share. However, the one favorite memory that all of us share is the amount of passion the locals (adults and children alike) had for praise and worship. Although they seemed to be shy in general, they were not shy in their expression of worship. The joy of the Lord was evident throughout the STM trip.



# STM: VBS

## COBAN, GUATEMALA

### CANVAS & RENEWAL

JULY 5–12

THE TEAM



The Canvas and Renewal Team:  
Canvas- Chris Chung, Joanna Bak, Lisa Chang, Jimmy Li,  
Renewal Church- Alex Huynh, Ashley Jiang, Christina Ng, Jason Zhu

VBS GROUP PHOTO



DANCING TO "DIOS ES AMOR"



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

Each day, we welcomed 60–80 children, with many returning and new faces joining. AMIIS students played and connected with local village children, which moved many of our staff and volunteers.

We were blessed by strong unity between Canvas and Renewal churches. Though we only trained virtually beforehand, meeting for the first time in Guatemala City felt seamless.

Overall, we were deeply encouraged to see how God is expanding His kingdom through AMI Cobán. Ministries at Iglesia La Gracia, AMIIS, and the missions center are creating genuine opportunities for people to experience Christ's love. Our team was especially inspired by the testimonies of Elder Kim and his wife, Pastor Moon, Pastor Katey, Katrina, Pastor Ferry, and other staff members.

AT A HOUSE VISIT/TORTILLA MAKING CLASS



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

Over lunch, I spoke with Flavio, a young staff member who helps with translation and worship at Iglesia La Gracia. He first connected to AMI Cobán through a VBS led by an STM team seven years ago. Today, he is studying in seminary and hopes to become a youth pastor.

Later, on a house visit, we met a mother caring for her three children and disabled husband. We offered to bring her kids to VBS, and her oldest son, Eden, told us he wanted to be a pastor. At VBS, his joy was contagious—singing, playing, and laughing with other kids.

As I reflect on Flavio and Eden, I'm reminded that God is writing these stories. Seeds planted years ago are now bearing fruit, while new seeds are being sown. I'm grateful to witness these full-circle moments and continue to pray for both of them.



# SPORTS CAMP STM OVER THE RHINE CHURCH, OH

## THE BLESSING CHURCH, JULY 5–12

On July 5–12, a team from TBC traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio to serve at OTR Church. They organized a week-long sports camp that included Bible lessons, body worship, arts and crafts, and the children's choice of sport—basketball, soccer, or cheerleading. The team also engaged in street evangelism to reach out and share the gospel with the local community. In the evenings, they partnered with OTR Living Water to support both family game night and youth night.

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

It was encouraging to see how the Lord opened up the hearts of the kids and brought them into a posture of wholehearted body worship. At the start of the week, some of the older kids were acting "too cool" to participate in body worship. By the end, they were so excited for body worship, and those same kids were looking forward to coming up to the front to lead body worship with us.

It was also amazing to see how powerful the gospel is when we boldly proclaim and share with individuals during street evangelism. We had the opportunity to invite many people to church and lead many in a prayer of repentance and acceptance of Christ's forgiveness.

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

#### **Fellowship Memory**

One highlight was when the TBC STM and OTW Living Water staff did the "Church Clap" dance in well-known public places throughout OTR—a joyful and memorable bonding experience.

#### **Ministry Memory**

A favorite ministry memory was witnessing how well-known and respected the OTR Living Water staff are in their community. Whether walking to get ice cream or doing street evangelism, the team was met with overwhelmingly positive recognition.

Their faithful service to the community truly reflects 1 Peter 2:12: *"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."*



# STM: MARRIAGE RETREAT

## TAPESTRY CHURCH

### PEKANBARU, INDONESIA

JULY 11-18

GROUP PHOTO AT THE RETREAT



Tapestry Team Members: Jennifer Baik (Leader), Stefan Baik (Leader), Hanna Oh, Nebula Gu-Halseth, Jean Kim, Jenny Kim & Jackie Kim with Pastor Jonedy, Ana Jonedy, and their team members.

Our team focused on leading marriage retreats that addressed key areas of growth for couples. The sessions covered the pain and peace cycle, communication skills, building intimacy, and burnout and recovery. In addition to the group teaching, we also provided couples' counseling for those who were interested, creating space for deeper conversations and personal application.

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

Our favorite memory was witnessing the footwashing. In the local culture, women are usually expected to submit and serve their husbands—but here, the husbands washed their wives' feet first. It broke down walls and created a powerful space of humility and vulnerability.

GROUP PHOTO WITH ATTENDEES



COUPLES WORKING ON AN EXERCISE  
"STONES OF REMEMBRANCE"



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

We saw God moving when we were able to hear the testimonies of the couples and their naming of their experience. They were able to put words to what they were experiencing which allowed room for the Spirit to bring healing.



# STM: MUSIC MINISTRY

## EAST ASIA

### SYMPHONY CHURCH & RCC

JULY 12–20

BUSKING IN THE EVENING; ONE OF THE TWO LOCATIONS



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

By the time the English Night started, there was only one guest in attendance, which was disappointing to us. About a third of the way in, a middle-aged man stopped and peered into the cafe, curious about what was going on. Seeing this, one of our team members (Anaïs) ran outside and invited him in. He stayed for the entirety of the evening conversing with those around him. We invited him to come to the concert on Saturday, unsure of whether he'd be interested but on Saturday, he was among the first to arrive! This was an encouragement to our team and to Anaïs in particular, who boldly stepped out to invite the man.

#### What type of STM did the team do?

We went to East Asia to support RCC & KM's music ministry. It was a two-team partnership: Symphony Church in Boston and Thrive Church in Taipei. From Symphony: Pastor Chan Park, Tim Wong, Anaïs Zhang, and Esther Tzau. Thrive Church had only one representative, and that was Jeremy Yeung, who actually is a former one-year missionary intern sent by Symphony to Taipei! So even though it was a two-church partnership, we all came together pretty easily and quickly.

Our primary responsibility was to support RCC in their music ministry. This consisted of busking, meeting with friends of RCC (both Christian and non-Christian) to form relationships by practicing music together and performing at a couple different events, including a coffeehouse English night and a larger-scale concert.

TEAM: TIM, P. CHAN, JEREMY, ESTHER & ANAIS



#### In what ways did you witness God moving?

At the concert, a brother from Chengdu shared his life story. It was essentially a personal testimony without explicit mention of Jesus or the Christian faith due to typical security reasons. It was a powerful testimony of how his life had been transformed and it was clear that God was moving through how people responded to the testimony. Many of those in attendance were moved even to the point of tears and one man, a non-Christian, asked in bewilderment after the concert, "How can someone endure such hardships and yet be so full of joy and peace?" Though we did not see anyone come to faith that evening, the right questions were being asked, relationships were being formed between non-Christians and members of RCC and we believe it was God who brought all of this together.



JEREMY LEUNG PERFORMING AT THE CONCERT

**STM: GCC SINGAPORE**  
**TEAM: TAPESTRY LA CHURCH**  
**WHEN: JULY 16–JULY 23**  
**TYPE OF STM: ENCOUNTER**  
**RETREAT FOR GCC**  
**STAFF/MEMBERS**

A team of 14 from Tapestry LA Church led an Encounter retreat for GCC members and partnered with the GCC staff to create a plan for the retreat to eventually be run independently.

This was the first time Tapestry LA collaborated with GCC Singapore to share Encounter retreat resources in a missional way. The team was surprised and grateful for how warmly the members—most of whom had never met them before—received their ministry. It was evident that the participants were deeply blessed, and the team witnessed powerful, tangible moments where God met and ministered to them.

**A Team member's/ whole team's favorite memory?**

A favorite memory came at the end of the retreat during testimony time. The candidates not only clearly articulated the purpose of the Encounter retreat but also shared tangible tools they could carry forward to continue the Lord's ministering work—tools such as the divine exchange, faith picturing, spiritual warfare, and spiritual disciplines. They spoke of powerful moments where the Lord met them through vulnerable talks, prophetic prayers, small group processing times, and the foot washing ceremony. Perhaps the most special moment was hearing participants express a desire to one day become Encounter speakers themselves, eager to bless others with the same blessings they had received.

GCC & TLA MEMBERS



MINISTRY TIME



FOOT WASHING



TAPESTRY TEAM





# STM: SCIENCE CAMP

## COBÁN, GUATEMALA

### VEA CHURCH IN CHAMELCO & COS ANAHEIM

JULY 18–26

COS ANAHEIM TEAM



#### What type of STM did the team do?

The team ran a science camp for kids, partnering with the Cobán 2 team, who had led a similar camp a month earlier. While their camp was held at the AMI Center with AMI International School students, the Cobán 3 team traveled daily to Chamelco and hosted the camp at a local church.

The camp featured four projects: protecting eggs in a drop, building rockets from soda bottles, designing cars for egg-crash tests, and constructing towers of sticks and clay to withstand a shaking table.

In addition to the camp, the team also made house visits to meet families and pray with them.



PRAYING OVER THE KIDS



SCIENCE CAMP KIDS

#### Team's Favorite Memory

The team's highlight was seeing the children's excitement—their smiles, laughter, and hugs made every moment meaningful. Praying for the kids and for one another created a deep sense of joy and unity, leaving a lasting impression on everyone.

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

During our debrief meetings, it was encouraging to hear each person share how God placed them in the right place at the right time and provided resources we hadn't expected. We watched the team get stretched, grow closer together, and become more loving and bold throughout the week.

We were also reminded of God's faithfulness during the rainy season. After praying for good weather, the rain stopped just in time for our outdoor science experiments! Even if it had continued raining, we would have praised the Lord—but He graciously held back the rain.

# STM: YOUTH CAMP

## HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

### REVIVAL CHURCH & COS ANAHEIM

JULY 20–28



Our team from the Church of Southland—Rebecca Pak, Kevin Lee, Jane Ahn, Chloe Chung, Justin Mai, led by Jordan Lucero—served at Revival Church in Ho Chi Minh City from July 20–28, 2025.

The team helped host Revival’s first youth camp, themed “Love in God’s Will”, where we taught on dating, friendship, and marriage for youth ages 13–30.

During our trip, we witnessed how God is raising up a new generation of young leaders who are taking ownership of their churches, including Lam who is a new lay minister heading the youth ministry at Revival. We witnessed God answering Lam’s (and his wife’s) prayers, such as when they prayed for sudden rains to cease at a key finale of our program. We witnessed God shifting the perspectives of the youth as the Holy Spirit gently guided them to treasure their intimacy with God above all else.

A favorite memory was fellowshiping with Revival staff after camp –touring the city on motorbikes, sharing desserts, laughter, and inside jokes. Beyond the joy, we left knowing we had formed deep kinship as one family in Christ.





**STM: COBÁN, GUATEMALA**  
**TEAM: THE BLESSING CHURCH**  
& REMNANT CHURCH  
**WHEN: AUGUST 2–9**  
**TYPE OF STM: VBS**

TEAM TBC, REMNANT & IGLESIA  
LA GRACIA



IGLESIA LA GRACIA MEMBER  
PRAYING FOR STUDENTS



Team Members (TBC): Joseph, Melissa, Tae Sung, Johnny, and Joann

Partner Churches: Remnant Church (NY) and Iglesia de Gracia (Cobán)

**Mission Focus**

The team led a four-day VBS for a rural village church—its first-ever VBS. Together with local and partner churches, they shared God’s love through Bible stories, songs, crafts, and games.

**God at Work**

The team witnessed children coming to Christ, moments of healing and breakthrough among team members, and a renewed awareness of the Lord’s love for all people. It was clear that God was moving in both the community and within the team itself.

**Favorite Memory**

One of the most memorable experiences was watching the young members of Iglesia de Gracia step into missionary roles—serving their own community with passion and faith. Seeing them embrace God’s call was deeply inspiring for everyone involved.

ALTAR CALL FOR VBS  
STUDENTS



VBS ACTIVITY WITH THE  
KIDS





# STM: MUSIC CAMP

## HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

### PAUL CHURCH & COS ANAHEIM

AUGUST 7-16



TEAM MEMBERS: PETER YI, BILLY PYO, EUGENIA PYO, WILL LEE, ALICE MUN

#### Mission Focus – Music Camp

The team partnered with Paul Church to help build and train a praise team. They taught on what it means to be a worshipper and worship leader, while providing practical training in acoustic guitar, keys, bass, drums, and vocals. The focus was on developing communication and unity as a band, while ushering in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

#### God at Work

The team was deeply moved by the passion of the Paul Church members. Though they came ready to teach about having a heart of worship, they were instead inspired by the members' genuine hunger for God's presence. As musicianship and faith continue to grow, their worship is expected to become even more powerful.

#### Favorite Memory

On the final night, the team led the church's Friday prayer service. It was a bittersweet farewell but also a powerful time of worship, free from the responsibilities of serving. After worship and prayer, the congregation surrounded Lộc and his family, laying hands on them and lifting them up together. It was a moving display of unity that left both churches feeling like one family in Christ.



# IGHO UPDATE

## PEKANBARU, INDONESIA

### COS CHINO & ANAHEIM

*AUGUST 28–SEPTEMBER 6*

From August 28 to September 6, our team consisting of 7 members from COS Anaheim and 5 from COS Chino traveled to Pekanbaru and Jakarta, Indonesia.

Team members: Elizabeth Kim (leader), Matthew Park, Amber Kim, Daniel Eum, Gannon Lee, Hannah Noh, Irene Sueki, Jessica Namkoong, JT Park, Nicole Chang, Sofia Jang, Susan Kim



What type of STM- what did the team do?

We are the iGHO medical mission team. Over three days, we held a clinic at Insan Permata Orphanage, providing medical care for the children, as well as for Fos Logos school students and teachers, church members, and neighbors in the surrounding community. Our services included medical and dental care, as well as distributing reading glasses and medications. We also conducted physical check-ups for the orphanage children to monitor their growth.



## HEALINGS WITNESSED

In what ways did the team witness God moving? We witnessed over 30 miraculous reports of physical healing—relief from body aches, joint pain, back pain, rheumatoid arthritis, headaches, stomach pain, and blurry vision. After prayer in Pekanbaru, many people experienced complete or significant relief, and one patient's lipoma softened and noticeably reduced.



# IGHO UPDATE

## JAKARTA, INDONESIA

### COS CHINO & ANAHEIM

*AUGUST 28–SEPTEMBER 6*



After the three-day clinic, we traveled to Jakarta to join P. Won and Hope's ministry. There, we served in Tanah Abang, a slum area where underprivileged and marginalized people live. While P. Won and Hope ministered to the adults, our team engaged with the children, playing games and teaching a Korean song.

We also held a Friday night prayer and worship service, highlighting the upcoming planting of Lighthouse Church in October and inviting seekers to join. In addition, we hosted a Kimbap-making class, shared Korean food, and even joined the Jakarta worship team to lead together.

We also saw the young adult core members of the Jakarta church on fire for God. Their faithfulness, obedience, and joyful hearts in serving Him were evident, inspiring all of us, and clearly showing how powerfully God is moving in Jakarta



Every day of the trip was full and fruitful, making it hard to pick just one highlight. We treasured the big moments—successful clinic days, ministry in Tanah Abang, and Friday night worship with passionate young adults. We also cherished the small joys of morning devotions, bus rides, shared meals, and time with children singing worship songs like Playtopia. Above all, we will never forget witnessing supernatural healings and experiencing God's provision and presence throughout the trip.





# AMI INSTITUTE LATIN AMERICA

First AMI Latin America – Cobán, Guatemala

From August 18–21, Iglesia La Gracia hosted the first-ever AMI Latin America gathering in Cobán, Guatemala. It was a Spirit-filled time as AMI pastors; Pastor Keith, Pastor Barry, Pastor Peter, and Pastor Ryun—came to equip Iglesia La Gracia's leaders, staff, future deacons, and pastors.

The days were filled with powerful teaching, heartfelt prayer, and meaningful fellowship. Each session brought encouragement and practical training, preparing leaders to serve with greater clarity and vision. One of the most moving moments was during a time of prayer when many responded to the call for missions, committing themselves to take part in God's global work.

We thank God for how He is moving through AMI in Latin America and for the privilege of seeing leaders equipped, hearts stirred, and the church strengthened for the harvest.



