

NEWS FROM MICHELLE KO

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I have seen a miracle!

In my September newsletter I asked for your prayers for the gospel outreach ministry in Fukushima on September 9 through 11. Thank you very much for your intercession! A miracle really happened, right in front of me!

The mission team, The Person of Peace and led by Pastor Hari, cooperated with a local church called KeiSen (meaning: fountain of Grace) in Fukushima to serve. The team had 20 people including Japanese brothers and sisters, seminary students, pastors, and missionaries - all to participate in the three-day and two-night gospel outreach ministry together.

We had a lot of discussion, sharing and praying beforehand. After that, we divided into groups of 2-3 people to knock on doors one by one, asking if the household would like to receive the peace of prayer. If they agree, after prayer, there is the possibility of an opportunity to continue the conversation. In the whole team, I was the only one who could not speak Japanese. Pastor Hari was very kind and enthusiastic and put me with him and another missionary in one group. I came to this trip with a learning mindset since I couldn't do anything but pray! However, I was deeply moved by the beauty of the teamwork and the burden to share the gospel by the Japanese brothers and sisters!

Under the scorching sun, we knocked on doors one by one. In the end the whole



Fukushima mission team

team of 7 groups knocked on 168 doors in total. We experienced many rejections BUT unexpectedly, a miracle happened in our group, right before my eyes. Pastor Hari knocked on the last door, which was opened by a father with two small children. He had a friendly smile and was very willing to accept our prayer for peace and blessings. So, Pastor Hari and the missionary Chris started talking with him about the gospel. In the end, he happily accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior, and thanked us for visiting, saying that he had never been in contact with Christianity, that no one had talked of the gospel to him, and that he doesn't know any Christian friends.

When I saw him willing to accept and pray, I couldn't believe it was true. I was speechless! **If this is not a miracle, then what is?** Only our great God can turn people's hearts back to Him, and even

Japanese people who are generally considered to be very resistant to the gospel can be moved by God's love. This experience was the first and most precious gift that God gave me since I arrived in Japan. It encouraged me not to be afraid, to rely on the Holy Spirit, and to work together with my brothers and sisters in Japan for the gospel! The mission team and local pastor will follow up with this man so that he can grow in learning about Jesus and the truth of the gospel that will set him free!

Roman 10:15 How can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news"



I have mentioned before also my friend Miss Y. She originally wanted to come to the English church Sunday service with me in mid-September. Unfortunately, her grandmother passed away, so she went back to her family in the countryside this whole time. Therefore, we have postponed our meeting until mid-October. Please pray for this opportunity.

Thanks to the Lord for continuing to give me opportunities to communicate with four young Japanese female friends individually and to go out as well. Every conversation is a great opportunity to share Christian values.

On October 10 I will go to Sendai to join an SIM/A2 4-day onboard training. This year we have a total of 5 missionaries who have arrived in Japan between July and Oct, including me! Please pray for anticipated training with a humble attitude to learn about partnering with Japanese churches and working in unity for the sake of the Gospel.

Knowing His Mighty Power,
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