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JAPANESE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

**"AND THOUGH MY CONDITION WAS A TRIAL TO YOU,
YOU DID NOT SCORN OR DESPISE ME, BUT RECEIVED
ME AS AN ANGEL OF GOD, AS CHRIST JESUS."**

GALATIANS 4: 14

Merry Christmas!

December 7th is a day that remains particularly remembered in the United States even 80 years after World War II, as the day the Imperial Japanese Navy attacked Pearl Harbor. And in human history, it is also a day that will never be forgotten. Amidst this, we went to Bethany Church in Long Beach. We went for fellowship with three groups, to deliver the Message at the women's fellowship Christmas party, and for deputation. Bethany Church prays for us daily and has given us much support. As the above Scripture says, even if we are the Japanese who become their trials, they truly cherish us. Their love overflows, and we are always enveloped in gratitude and peace.

The photo on the right is from after the worship service, when Pastor Ben prayed for us as their representative.

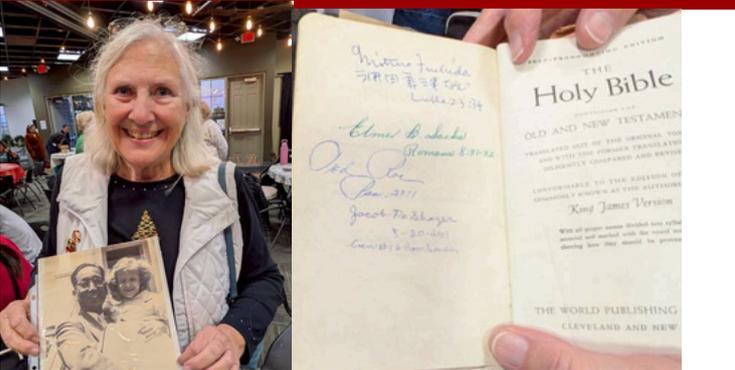
The other photo is from the women's fellowship. There were so many other rich times of fellowship that it would be impossible to fit them all into a single report.

To everyone at Bethany Church, thank you so, so much!! We are truly grateful from the bottom of our hearts.

By the way, it might not be known, but our mission is to minister to Japanese people living in the United States, especially in San Diego. That's why, even though we are Japanese, we live in the U.S. and do our mission work here. Since we live in the U.S. day-to-day, it feels like domestic mission work within the U.S. But because our target audience is Japanese people, it is primarily mission work for Japan. It's a truly strange feeling. Normally, one might think that Japanese missions, or missions to Japan, should ideally be done within Japan! That is certainly true. Yet, what is astonishing is the fact that an overwhelming number of Japanese people are saved and become Christians overseas, especially in the United States! For the Japanese people, whose Christian population doesn't even reach 1% of the total, God truly works wonders in the U.S. This Christmas, we wholeheartedly celebrate the birth of the Son, our wonderful Counselor!!



The center of joy... it is Jesus the Savior!!!



The woman in the photo above is Mary, whom I met at the Bethany Church Christmas Women's Meeting. The photo she holds was taken when she was seven years old, being held by a Japanese man. His name was Mitsuo Fuchida. I was utterly shocked to hear that name! Because Mitsuo Fuchida was the commander who led the surprise attack on the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. After the war, while facing trial as a war criminal, he heard the Bible taught by Christians in the U.S. military. He sincerely repented of his own sinfulness and the horrors of war. He was baptized and became a Christian. He shared his experiences as a witness to people in both Japan and the United States, saying, "Ignorance breeds misunderstanding, misunderstanding breeds hatred, and hatred breeds war." The photograph in the upper right bears his own signature, alongside **Luke 23:34:** "Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'" He always felt this verse applied directly to himself. Yet it was not only him; many Japanese remain blind to the truth, utterly ignorant. No, it's not just the Japanese; all humanity, unaware of the true Savior, is held in ignorance and sin. That is precisely why knowing the true God, believing in the Savior Jesus Christ—this is truly God's wonderful grace. I want to reach those who still don't know this truth by any means necessary! For this very reason, the Savior Jesus Christ came at Christmas.

The theme of the Christmas Women's Fellowship was "The Center of Joy." I focused my message on the wise men who journeyed from the East specifically to worship the Savior, drawing from Matthew 2:1-11. Matthew 2:10 records, "...they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." A literal translation of this phrase is "they rejoiced greatly with very great joy." This expresses the highest degree of joy. Traveling from the East to a foreign land was no easy journey for the wise men. Yet they persisted in their search for the Savior and finally found Jesus Christ. This became their greatest joy. For us too, the presence of our Savior Jesus means an unshakable hope is promised, no matter how great our sins or how painful and difficult our circumstances may be. Therefore, there is no joy greater than this true Savior, Jesus! Jesus is truly the center of joy!! This Christmas, may the greatest joy overflow abundantly upon you all because you know the Savior Jesus!



On December 6th, we held a garage sale early in the morning to raise funds for next year's evangelistic conference. The Lord greatly blessed our small flock, and many people came to buy items! We are so thankful!

The Bethany Church Women's Association held a fundraiser for us missionaries and others in need of support. The photo above shows the women's group from Bethany Church handcrafting "shaved ice plushies." Each one came with a beautifully designed note clearly stating the purpose of the sale! What incredible love!! This idea, the effort, and the faith... it's wisdom and gifts from God. May the Lord's abundant blessings rest upon each and every member of the women's group who worked so hard!!! Thank you so very much.

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