



ACCF Newsletter

News and Events from the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation

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Cheerful Giver Program helps needy around the world

Tyana Kovacs (right), 9, learns to sew under the guidance of Sister Ruth Budimlic so that she may soon contribute her new sewing skills.



We bridge the gap by getting everyone working together, older and younger people working together while helping other people around the world. The program also introduces sewing to anyone who wants to learn. Sister Ruth Budimlic and Sister Darlene Pauser help the young girls learn how to sew by teaching them how to sew straight lines, turns and backstitching on paper.



A group of women who gather every Friday night at the Apostolic Christian Church (Nazarene) on Strasburg Road to sew drawstring bags. The drawstring bags are then filled with items such as towels, nail clippers, soap, and toothbrushes and toothpaste to become a health kit. The health kits are given to the Kitchener-based Mennonite Central Committee Ontario who then distributes the kits to people in need throughout the world that have been impacted by disasters from weather, wars and poverty.

In the multi-purpose room at church, about a dozen sewing machines are taken out of storage each week and set up on individual tables to accommodate the sewing group gathering.

The Cheerful Giver Program started about four years ago in the home of Sister Florika Pauser. Women gathered in her living room to sew the bags and this fall moved to the church since the group has grown considerably in size. An experienced sewer can sew up to approximately 50 bags a day.

Dan Weinhardt, the coordinator for the program in Kitchener, helps organize the materials for the bags which is donated and purchased by the ACCMBC and also buys from suppliers and manufacturers to negotiate the best price.

The money is donated by church members and collected through fundraising events at the church. We hope the program can grow with the help of corporate donations and sponsors. There is a growing sense of need in the world and it's clear in the Bible that we are to help those in need.

Nine-year-old Andrea Nechacov (right) is excited about learning from Sister Darlene Pauser (left) to sew and is hoping she gets to move up with the "real" sewers soon.

The Apostolic Christian Church is one of the largest suppliers of kits to the Mennonite Central Committee Ontario Canada. Bob Lebold, who oversees the shipment of kits around the world for the local MCC office says he's amazed at the work done by the Apostolic Christian Church.

In the last 3 years over 18,000 kits have been put together by the Ontario churches in Canada.

There are up to 50 volunteers, the youth group and anyone else from church is invited to come to church on a Thursday night and on a Saturday to pack 3,000 kits into boxes. The boxes are then packed into a transport truck and delivered to the Mennonite Central Committee Ontario where it is then transported and shipped to where it is most needed.

In addition to the health kits, the group has also made sewing and school kits. Each kit costs approximately \$5.00 to complete. Bags can be obtained from the Mennonite Committee or sewn per their instructions. For more information to see if this program could work for your church, contact Willie.Ritzmann@accmbc.org.

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Nepomuceno

Dear Friends,

I woke up this morning with a burden on my heart to pray for my kids. We have four kids who live at home still, and as I prayed for their future, for the struggles today, for their weaknesses and strengths, I found myself thinking of the boys at the Nepo home. Here we are, two parents with four kids at home, and the needs of each child seem so great. How does an orphanage raise a whole generation of kids? There are not enough workers, and the boys each have tremendous personal struggles to overcome. We all know that outside of the work of Jesus Christ in the heart of each child there is no redemption. It doesn't matter how great our parenting/orphanage worker skills are—that work is done by God alone in each heart. We have also all seen the beauty of a heart softened and obedient to the Lord. Sometimes it happens in a least expected place, and faith grows out of difficult, sometimes tragic circumstances.

I was meditating on the life of Samuel, a young boy who heard the Lord speak to him and responded in obedience. Sometimes we mistakenly think that when a child is “all grown up” is when we should begin to take interest in his life, but by that point it is often too late. Sometimes there is much ground that needs to be fallowed due to years of ignoring the Lord or disobedience. Joseph had years in the house of his father as a young boy, years in jail and servitude, and years as a ruler, all of which prepared him for the purpose God had for his life. Moses had a few years in the home of his mother, then years in the courts of Pharaoh followed by years in the desert, all of which trained him for the work the Lord had for him. The work at the orphanage is hard, but it is worth investing in the lives of these boys.



Please continue to pray for each boy and each worker that the Lord would have His way with each one, the boys as they are being instructed and taught, and the workers as they faithfully live out what obedience to the Lord should look like.

We are very thankful for the three short-termers who have offered to help for a few months at the boys' orphanage. Katy Pavkov will be serving six months until July, and Viktoria Fulop will be spending two months, February and March. Jessica Weisz is from Ontario, Canada, a friend of Viktoria's, and will be spending about five weeks in February and March helping out in whatever way she can. We are so thankful the Lord has put on the hearts of these individuals to serve here. We pray that He will raise more workers and volunteers, both short and long-term, as the need is great in terms of the care of the boys in the orphanage. There is a lot of work to be done, and the workers are few. If you desire to serve at the Nepo Boys' Home or would like to be a part of a work team, please feel free to contact us.

Please pray for Katy, Viktoria and Jessica:

- For transitions into culture/language
- For ministry opportunities for each of them

Ghana

During this past summer, both Elders Prince Botchway and Charles Nartey from Accra, Ghana were able to spend several months visiting relatives in the USA. Many of us were privileged to visit with them at Western Camp, or several of the western churches which they visited. Charles returned in October, and sent the following report concerning the activities of Faith Evangelical Church.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I have returned safely and everything is in order by the Grace of the Almighty God.

The rains this year have been very heavy and unprecedented. It was expected between June and August but as of November, it is still raining. Many properties and lives have been lost and have affected most of our churches in Accra and in the rural areas. I therefore sent two of the pastors, Mike Sackeyfio and Prince Obodai, to the cities of Afram Plains, and Akokorma and their surrounding villages and this is the report they brought. The downpours have caused the Volta River to overflow its banks at Pra and Birim, both areas close to where our churches are located. So devastating were the



thunderstorms that commercial activities have been seriously affected, whilst it also left in its wake destruction to lives and property, including homes. The building of the Church of Jesus

Christ Of Latter Day Saints had been greatly affected, and indeed the houses of a great number of our members were not spared. Those were the houses that were so close to the river, and therefore, the members and their families were forced to relocate to the church premises that were farther inland. (Rich, Jan & John Schlaefli III visited this church when we were in Ghana in June, 2010, and at that time, the banks of the Volta River were about a mile from the church.) This situation has indeed seriously affected the conducting of regular church services. The inability of the members to work on their farms has also aggravated the situation. Needless to say that the Mormons are helping their members and the church officials, and we now feel some obligation to help our members with the task of feeding people and also taking care of other social needs. The churches in Accra are showing a great deal of concern by sending to them foodstuffs, purified water, a medical team and drugs. Those who were seriously ill and whose conditions were critical were taken to the general hospital in the regional capital for medical care, all at the expense of the Church. The rest are yet to be taken care of. Mike and Prince then baptized some believers before they left. (Funds would be



Rafael is one of the newer boys. He was raised by his mother, but very haphazardly, certainly an at-risk child. He is 11 years old, with the build of a 14-year-old and the mind of a 4-year-old. He came with a lack of interest in everything, difficulty concentrating, very agitated, needing medication to help control epilepsy. He likes to repeat questions over and

over again, and when he receives an answer, he asks the same question again. He ran away almost immediately and was returned. He is still adapting to the orphanage, learning how to follow rules and schedules, something new for him. Please pray that the Lord would restore life to Rafael and his entire family.



Alan Felipe, 15, lived in Sao Paulo with his dad. His parents are separated, and his dad lived with someone else. His dad is an alcoholic and constantly spanked him (in Alan's words).

He went to live with his mom in Alfenas, but his mom is an alcoholic too. He stayed out on the streets until very late and sometimes slept elsewhere. His mom never had authority over him, and he didn't respect her. He started

drinking and smoking with his friends. In order for him not to become an alcoholic, they sent him here. He has difficulty in school and is not doing as well as he should. He cuts class. Doesn't want to take studying seriously. He is not aggressive and doesn't do wrong things, but school is a problem area.

Alisson, 13, was on the streets a lot, drinking, doing drugs, without limits. He didn't study and is very weak in school. He doesn't read

much because he has such trouble reading. He finds math difficult. He is getting better in school, but he still needs a lot of help. He lies a lot. He has poor hygiene. He is scared to get up at night, even with the light on. He likes to play soccer. His family doesn't come to visit him much.

We are so thankful for the Lord's provision for the corn project. The orphanage plants corn to feed to the animals for an entire year. The orphanage saves quite a bit of money by planting its own corn, but it still requires some start-up costs. The costs involve seed, fertilizer, and equipment. They do not have all the farm equipment to do the harvesting and have to rent or borrow farm equipment to get the job done. Often when they borrow equipment, it doesn't come in good working order. They must fix it first to use it and then return it to the owners. This is a big cost in time and labor. Last year they collected over 800 bags of corn, 60 kilos each bag. Over half of these were sold. This project is an excellent way for the boys to learn the agricultural process as well as to teach them a trade.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. This year especially every gift to Nepo has met a need, and we are so grateful.

Juarez and Jane Toth



appreciated to help them meet the needs of those affected by the floods, and also to help in church repair.)

The building of our church at Tema (a coastal church, very close to the ocean) was also damaged by the heavy rains, but that has also been managed. The recent baptism that we had there involved 20 souls. We have also recently had some baptisms at Mamponse, Mataheko, Korle Gonno, and Accra Central.

The Faith Evangelical School is doing very fine and I am still working on the estimates. Three companies have submitted their proposals and we want to scrutinize them well in order to have value for money before we send them to you. I hope work will begin in February when the Christmas season is over and prices have come down. (The first two floors of the building are fairly well completed. They are now working on the upper floors of the building, and will need funds to continue the work.)

When I returned, I had reports that our church premises which we have rented for many years at Accra Central, have some problems with the quoted rent from the family who owns the property. The members have decided to get a new place of their own. We have been able to win more souls there and we still want to remain in that area, so please keep us in prayer to get a place to buy. Recently, there was a service and some Muslim who lives near the church came and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. We are believing God to win more souls.

A new Church has been started at Palas Town, a few kilometers away from the Awoshie Church in Accra. We have added a picture of the

church operating with erected canopies on an acquired land constructed to the footing level. With a little push, they can have a convenient place of worship. Their pastor is Bro. Richard Brown.



The clinic is also doing very fine. Doctors in Ghana recently were on strike for about 19 days and our clinic was on hand to hold the fort in our area and surrounding areas. (When Prince Botchway returned later, he also reported that the clinic is doing well. The clinic receives support in money and in kind from the Hilfe organization in Switzerland.)

Attached are recent pictures. (Attached are pictures of two of the churches that were destroyed in the ravaging rains, a picture of the church that is under construction and a picture of the school. Although the exterior of the school seems impressive from the outside it would probably not pass inspection to obtain a certificate of occupancy here in the US. However, as indicated in the article two floors are in use. Also as outlined above the Ghana churches are in need of funds for rebuilding village churches, reaching out to the villagers that have been devastated by the storms and also for the completion of the school which provides facilities to teach approximately 400 students many of

whom would not have the opportunity to be in school nor have exposure to the scripture if the school were not there.) Submitted by the Western Missionary Committee



Dear friends,

As most of you know, several months ago we were forced to close down our home in Turvo and move the children there to our home in Entre Rios. This was a very difficult process that left us with a lot of unknowns and few solid answers: Who on our staff could reopen Turvo? When could they do it? How would we protect the property in the mean time? If we sent staff from Entre Rios, where would their replacements come from? These were just a few of the many questions that were racing through our minds at that time. This was a God-sized problem and it needed a God-sized solution. This means we were in the best of hands, because He already had the plan before we knew we had the problem. God was already working in hearts and He showed us His plan as we needed to know about it.

God started to reveal it to us when Jake and Amanda Teater and Mike and Mary Cochran approached us about their desire to reopen the facility. Both of these couples had already been working at CLM for some time, and so they had experience as well as our trust. In the position that we were in, it was very difficult to see the whole picture, and so this solution seemed to leave us with only one answer and a whole lot more questions. We were already very understaffed in Entre Rios at that time, so the loss of Jake and Amanda from our team in Entre Rios was going to complicate things very significantly.

In our organizational structure, two couples is not a team. We believe three are needed in order to provide adequate 24 hour a day staffing during vacations, time off, and other times when someone has to be away. This brought up additional questions and concerns. Who would replace Jake and Amanda in Entre Rios, and who would complete the team in Turvo? God already had the answers.

We learned that Paulo Roberto Junior, who was had been mentored by Pastor Adriel from our church in Turvo, was interested in ministering at CLM Turvo. Shortly after that Pastor Adriel's son and daughter-in-law, Adriel Jr. and his wife Elaine, approached CLM about their desire to minister in Turvo as well. Leah Knappage came as a short term missionary from the U.S., and the team in Turvo was complete!

Even with these solutions, there were still significant problems to be addressed. With Jake and Amanda moving, and Andy and Katie Roth not returning to CLM, the only child care missionaries left in Entre Rios would be Mary Gibson and Kevin and Elaine King. (The administrative base for both homes is in Entre Rios, and the remaining workers here are not involved in the day to day routine with the children.)

We had already been awaiting the return of Bruno, who had served with us as a volunteer for three months last year, and then had left to be married to his fiancée, Vanessa, before they returned to CLM to minister together. Even with them, there still would not be enough staff members to cover all of the hours. Then Elaine King's sister, Queyla, came to visit with her husband Jonas and their son Taylon. God had started to speak to Jonas shortly before about coming here, something that he had not previously been interested in. After their visit, they decided that this was where God was leading them and made preparations to move to Entre Rios. The childcare teams for both Turvo and Entre Rios were now complete!

A few months back we also started to want to provide something different for our older boys. Having them in the same corridor as the younger boys was not a very good situation, and we wanted the two

groups separate. We approached Fernando Camargo, a single brother from our local church, about the possibility of living with our older boys in a separate house. He later told us that this was something that God had already been laying on his heart, although he had not come to speak with us about it. He moved to CLM a couple of weeks later, and the six older boys were moved to his house. For the time being he continues to work 12 hours a day, one day off and one day on, at his job in the colony, and ministers at CLM the rest of the time. Hopefully he will soon be with us here full time. He is responsible for the farm, working with the older boys and of course the care for the older boys living in his house.

Today CLM Turvo has been reopened, and five children from Entre Rios have been moved there. They are also accepting additional children from the city of Turvo beginning in February. Our team of childcare staff in Entre Rios has been completed and we are preparing for the future and how we can best care for the needs of the children here in Southern Brazil.

As you can see, in a very short period of time, much of our team was changed. While at times the future seemed very bleak, God was always in control. It reminds me of why we are commanded in Mathew 6 to not worry about what we will eat, drink or wear. We continue to struggle with our worries and cares. It is always difficult to trust in what you cannot see, but we know that God is in control and that He knows the plans that He has for us. Will we learn to trust Him with our lives?

Now we want to let you hear from some of our new Brazilian workers:

Paulo Roberto writes:

“My name is Paulo Roberto Junior. I am 24 years old and this year I plan to start my college education. I am a member of the AC church in Turvo where I am part of the worship team.

Even before I moved to Turvo from Bahia, I had volunteered at a ministry working with children suffering from cancer. Also while I was attending church in Bahia, I was involved with children's ministries. I originally moved here from the State of Bahia to help with the church plant in Turvo, but in the process I also visited CLM and became very interested in the ministry with the children here. I really thought that it was a neat ministry and ended up coming to minister here as well. During the time that I have been serving at CLM, I have seen God's hand at work in this place.”



Paulo Roberto Junior

Ariel and Elaine:

Ariel and Elaine initially moved from Bahia to Turvo at the beginning of 2011 to help Adriel's father, who had recently started the AC church in Turvo. Adriel and Elaine have been married for ten years and have two daughters, Helisa (8) and Hellen (3). It was also ten years ago that they began working in the leadership of children's ministries in their church, as well as teaching Sunday School. They also worked alongside social workers, intervening in situations of child abuse and holding local businesses accountable for selling drugs, alcohol and other controlled substances to minors. In December they joined the CLM Turvo Team as child care workers, continuing their calling to serve God through children's ministries.



Ariel, Elaine, Helisa, and Hellen

Bruno and Vanessa (Bruno writes):

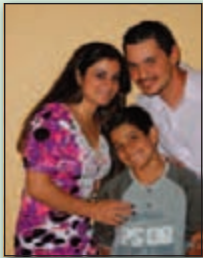
“Vanessa and I met while serving with an evangelistic ministry in the state of Bahia. Because of the logistics of this ministry, the people serving there were not permitted to be married, so when we began to take interest in one another, we began to pray for God to open up the doors to a different ministry where we could start our lives together. We went to Minas Gerais where Vanessa was from, and we continued to pray about the future. While there, the opportunity came about for me to visit CLM, where I volunteered for three months. After the three months was over, I went back to Minas Gerais and was married to Vanessa. God helped to prepare everything for us to be married, and two weeks after the wedding we moved to CLM to start our ministry together. We like the ministry here a lot, and every day we relate to the kids even more. They are an incredible blessing to us.”



Bruno and Vanessa

Jonas and Queyla (Queyla writes):

“Hi, my name is Queyla, and I am 25 years old. I come from a really poor family that had every kind of problem possible. I am the youngest of five siblings. My parents were divorced when I was three years old and I started to work at age eleven. At age fourteen I had a son. During my pregnancy God worked in my heart a lot and I came to know Christ as my Savior on the delivery bed of the hospital.



Queyla and Jonas

During the eight years that I have been serving Christ, I have always been involved with ministry in my church. God gave me a call, and I started to pray and to prepare to study to follow my dream of being a missionary and working within a church. I was always involved with the worship team in my church, evangelism at hospitals and nursing homes, and I taught Children’s Sunday School for eight years. I took various courses for working with children and thought that God would want me to work within a church full-time.

However, it seemed that nobody believed in me, and finally I gave up. Then one day in 2005 at a youth retreat, a boy from our church who had never spoken to me before, sat down beside me and asked me to marry him. I responded that I wouldn’t marry him even if he was the last man in the world. However, in 2008 we started to date and we have been married now for almost a year. He has been such an incredible blessing in my life and has become a wonderful father for my son.

I thought that getting married to Jonas meant giving up on my dream of being a missionary, since before we were married I had a desire to serve at CLM but he had stated that he never would. However, when we came to visit my sister Elaine, Jonas felt God calling him to come. He told my brother-in-law Kevin that we would move there the next month, even though I was very concerned about this radical change.

Jonas wanted to sell everything that we had for a very low price and move there with nothing, I was starting to think that he was crazy. I told him that I would only go if we took everything with us, but since the cost of shipping was R\$4000.00, and we did not have that kind of money, it seemed impossible. But I continued to pray about it, and decided to

look for a different way to do it. I started looking on the internet and left a post that we were looking for a way to move our things from Riberao Preto, Sao Paulo to Guarapuava. Within 20 minutes a man from Curitiba was on the phone. He was moving a business there the following week and was coming back empty. He said that he would be there five days later to pick up our things, and that he would charge R\$900.00. I was speechless, I knew that God was in the middle of this, and it was so exciting to see.

Ministering here has brought my love for missions back to life again, and it has been an incredible blessing for us to minister here with the children. My husband, son and I are all ministering here together in this work that is close to God’s heart, and I know that God has used us for His glory. We want the children to be blessed by the love of the Creator through us.”

Fernando Camargo Writes:

I came to know Christ as my personal savior at age seventeen, this was the best decision that I have ever made in my life. A couple of months ago I was invited by CLM to participate in the ministry there specifically with the adolescent boys. So far this has been the second most important decision that I have made since making my decision to follow Christ.



Fernando Camargo

As you can see, God is always at work, even when things are the hardest. We praise Him for what He has done!

Please, continue to pray for all of the staff as we minister to the children and the community here in Southern Brazil. We are so thankful for your faithful prayers and support. We would not be able to continue in this ministry without partners like you.

In Christ,

CLM Team Entre Rios: Mary Gibson, Kevin and Elaine King, Frederico Michelc, Bruno and Vanessa Silva, Jonas and Queyla Silva, Fernando Camargo, Bethany Shurance Villalba

CLM Team Turvo: Mike and Mary Cochran, Jake and Amanda Teater, Adriel and Elaine Oliveira, Paulo Roberto Silva Junior

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LOOKING BACK...

Having begun 2012, we reflect on 2011 and stand in awe at the faithfulness of our Lord.

The Lord confirmed to us at the beginning of last year that there would be another book for Victor to write. The seed was planted in his spirit and now in February 2012 we will see the “fruit” as the book is now at the printers!



We saw this **fig tree** planted in the garden of the home in Tiberius where we stayed during the writing process. As we watched it mature and fruit appear, it became symbolic of the writing task He had given us.



The awesome view of the Sea of Galilee from our bedroom window.



To celebrate **Shavuot or Pentecost** in Israel was a blessing. We brought our own lunches and gathered under a large tent for fellowship with other believers in a suburb of Jerusalem.



Our days in Israel from May to August were intense with **writing** and the awareness that without the anointing of the Spirit the words on pages of script would be empty and void of meaning. There were more spiritual and physical attacks with this book than with any of the others. It was at one of these times that a dear missionary friend wrote a short email—she had a vision of God’s hand covering over Victor’s hand as he held the pen! What a blessing to get these words of encouragement at just the right time!

Shabbat in Israel is always a time of joy; and the challah—**Shabbat bread**—that the shops all carry on Fridays is delicious and beautiful!



We were blessed with the opportunity to see family in America. We rejoice for two **great** grandchildren born in November 2011—a girl in PA and a boy in Brazil! We are trusting Abba to make a way for us to meet them both this year.

Our grandson, Jed, uses the shofar to awaken and bless the youth he ministers to.



“Like grandfather—like grandson!”



Recounting miracles during the 8 days of Hanukkah.

We celebrated the miracle of the one night’s supply of oil that burned in the temple for eight days until newly purified oil was prepared for the restoration of the desecrated Temple—a Feast Jesus likewise regarded in John 10:22. We recounted a multitude more miracles from PNG onward that we also witnessed personally, along with praise for the Scripture Translation and the 5 books He has since given us to write.



The Lord has afforded us opportunity to be involved with teaching, **baptisms**, weddings, prayer meetings & Passover services in our home area. When there is a need, we want to be available.

LOOKING AHEAD...

We are planning a ministry trip here in Australia as soon as the new book reaches us “down under”. As Abba enables us, in June, we will begin five months of ministry in the U.S., Canada and Israel, in making **Genetically Modified Prophecies** available and sharing insights from it in conferences, churches, camps and Messianic Jewish venues.

We are so thankful for those the Lord has led to partner with us in the work He has designed for us. We are so grateful for SPIM representatives in the USA and board members here in Australia. We are equally grateful for those of you that share with us to make it all possible. May the Lord bless you out of Zion!

Contact us on email for information on books or sharing with us in ministry.

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Agape English Kids Academy



Children celebrating Buddha's birthday.

By Christine Huber

Dear Precious Friends and Family,

About a week ago, as Tim and I, (together with the Brazilian relief team) were running off to catch the train, we saw a procession of little children coming down the street. They were carrying a Shinto altar on their shoulders (just like the adults do it—using poles—just as the priests used to carry the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament.) And to the beat of drums, they were all chanting in unison, as they paraded down the road in their cute little Japanese traditional outfits. I became choked up with deep grief, as I stared at the adults teaching these darling little children to follow after false gods! Little children with tender hearts, who readily believe in Jesus—now is the time to reach them! Adults are harder to reach—but children are not.

Before each new Christian gets baptized in our church, there is always “testimony time.” Even though only 0.5% of the whole population are Christians, it ALWAYS amazes me how so many of them FIRST heard about Jesus when they were about 5 years old—in a Sunday School, or in a Christian Kindergarten. Even though most never went to church again until they were adults, the seed was planted and finally gave fruit! It always brings tears to my eyes! **Let the little children come to JESUS!**

Guess what! We are so excited that our church is finally planning to start an actual Christian Kindergarten! And guess what, we already have an excellent, experienced teacher! Yisel is from Uruguay, she got her elementary teaching degree in Canada, she married a wonderful preacher-musician-worship leader from India, Joey Zorinsanga, (he speaks English as well as some Japanese, and is helping us with church-planting), and they both just moved here in August!

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Joey & Yisel



Reaching Japanese Children through AEKA!

(Agape English Kids Academy)

Yisel has a lot of experience, and has already taught about Jesus at International Christian Academy of Nagoya, where she worked for the last 5 years! She teaches in English, (little kids learn English amazingly fast), and because Japanese desire to learn English this method would attract more mothers to choose our Christian Kindergarten! We are praying to get many students from our non-Christian neighborhood.

Right now, we are about to start a kindergarten program with a very limited number of students. After we get our church's legal status registered with the Japanese government, we will start the actual Kindergarten where we will be able to accept as many students as we can. We are also starting an "after school" program for children who attend Japanese schools.

Our real Dream is to eventually, some day, have a full-fledged Christian school, all the way through high school. This is our first step toward that big dream! We are truly excited for such an opportunity!

After we get enough students, Yisel and Joey's income should be sufficient. But right now, they need a lot of help to get started, even for their own living expenses.

If you feel challenged to help this new children's ministry get started, you can do so by giving it online through our website or at the given address below!

www.pazjapan.org

We are accepting one time gift or donations as well!

Please pray for the Gospel choir outreach to the disaster area!

We are excited about the new ministry in Iwaki City in the Fukushima area that our church is helping out with. (Iwaki is about 40 kilometers from the damaged nuclear plant.) Many people are relocated into temporary housing, but still are suffering from desperation and depression. A big need they have is what the Japanese call "heart care"—caring for people who are suffering from depression. Our Gospel choir leaders, along with other Japanese Gospel choir leaders, are organizing Gospel workshops, so that these people can participate in singing Gospel music. Not all want to join, but several do! Gospel songs are simply praises to God. Most Japanese don't even know that God exists, but through singing Gospel songs, which totally give all the praise to God, they "feel something" which many times make them cry. In July we are practicing and planning for a big

concert, many going from Tokyo and other cities to sing together with the people in the disaster area in Fukushima. They have already reserved a big auditorium for this event. May God touch many hearts with His love, and bring many to salvation.

Last Wednesday night, at our church Gospel Choir practice here in Tokyo, we had 3 new Japanese people join in for the first time. Afterwards, I asked one young lady how she liked it. She said, almost crying, "It was so powerful! I could really feel something!" We know it was the Holy Spirit, and His joy that she could feel. She said she wants to come back again. We are also offering Bible studies for those who want to learn more. One by one, people are coming to Jesus!

Thank you for your prayers!!

A few sad statistics that affect Japanese children



Divorce, a decreasing birth rate and an increase in average lifespan are creating an *epidemic of loneliness in Japan*. *This loneliness is*

prevalent also among kids with divorced and foster parents. Our aim is promote care for the emotional well being of children through the great love of Jesus. The most common forms of child abuse are physical abuse (in 43% of cases) followed by neglect (in 37%). In nearly half of all cases the abused child is pre-school age. Many children are bullied daily in Japanese schools; many children have lost their parents during the tsunami, and suffer much loneliness. *A Christian Kindergarten is a strategic tool for helping prevent child abuse in Japan.*

- Japan is the **#1 provider of child pornography** in the world (sexual abuse & child molestation are rampant). The cases of reported child abuse have quadrupled in 10 years and increased 40 fold in twenty years. In 1990, 1,101 cases of abuse were recorded. In 1999, 11,631 cases. In 2000, 17,725 cases. And in 2009, the numbers hit an all-time high of 44,211 child abuse cases--a 38.3 % rise in 2010 to mark the highest level on record.
- Suicide is now the leading cause of death among men aged 20-44 and women aged 15-34. The statistic was more than 30, 000 suicides per year. Now, after the 3/11 earthquake, tsunami & nuclear disaster, the suicide rate climbed to an 18 per cent increase. **Our aim is to promote the value and sanctity of human life from a biblical worldview in the lives of kids as young as age 4 - 5.**

- Japanese people are the most hospitable people in the world. But despite its wealth and economy, it is spiritually empty with only 0.5 % protestants. Japanese (population 127 million) are the **second largest Unreached People Group in the world**. Countless testimonies have shown that a high percent of Japanese people were first introduced to the Gospel at a Christian kindergarten. Some became Christians later in their adulthood as a result of what was sown during kindergarten. *Through Christian education Gospel seeds are planted for the future generations of Japan.*
- **Church attendance of Evangelical churches** in Japan is **0.2%** (2 for every 1000 people). One of our goals of the Christian Kindergarten is to reach young families with the Gospel so that they can become a part of our growing church body.
- The Japanese worship 8 million gods, and have 183,000 cult groups registered with the government. Children are constantly exposed to these rituals and cult practices of their parents. Our prayer is that Japanese children will come to know the love of Jesus.



Kids pouring sweet tea on the statue of Buddha on his birthday.

Thank You!

Foundation Corner

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” Gal. 6:10

The annual meeting will be held April 28, 2012 in Brunswick Hills, Ohio. Make plans to attend!

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