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Suosdai! (Hello)

Praise be to the name of the Lord. We were sent out by the Japan Baptist Convention in 2015 and served as missionaries in Cambodia for eight years until March 2023. In April 2023, we were invited by the Cambodian Baptist Union (CBU), and we were led to continue our missionary work in Cambodia.

In January 2024, the supporting group "Living Field" was established. Also, in August 2025, we have joined the Korean missionary organization "WUPM." Guided by the Lord's Word and direction, we continue our work in the mission field.

What is new?

Thank you so much for your warm prayers and support. From June to August, we were able to visit Japan again. We are so grateful to have this chance every year since 2023. During our two-month stay, we visited various churches throughout in Japan. We saw even more joy and encouragement than last year, and we felt God working among us more than ever. Here are some highlights from our trip.



The children welcomed us at the first Sunday service after returning to Cambodia.



Cambodia Cafe and macrame workshop: holding our finished keychains.

Cambodia Cafe —Tokyo Kita Christ Church—

On Sunday, June 14, we attended the morning service at Tokyo Kita Church. Since completing their new church building in 2022, they have been running a "Community Cafe" to reach out to the local area. During this "Cambodia Cafe," they served local Cambodian desserts and held a macrame workshop. It was a blessed time, and even some neighbors joined in on short notice. We were also happy to reunite with a student who visited CBU Office Church in February through a NPO "CFF"(Caring for the Future Foundation) camp. We pray that Christ's love and the Gospel will spread even more in the community through these programs and activities.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." - Isaiah 43:19

Hospitality of the Korean Church -WUPM Mission Center-

In mid-June, we visited the head office of WUPM (World Unreached Peoples Mission) in South Korea for about a week. The mission center is located in Dangjin, about a two-hour drive west of Seoul, and was built in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a multipurpose facility with a chapel, seminar rooms, guest rooms, a memorial room, as well as tennis and basketball courts. It was built through the prayers and donations of over 100 churches and individuals. WUPM missionaries serving around the world can stay here for free to rest, attend retreats or training, and make ministry reports.



At the WUPM Mission Center with Missionary Ricky serving in Myanmar (far right)



(Left) Giving a mission report at a Korean church, with Mr. Hitoshi Ito interpreting. (Right) Taking a commemorative photo with WUPM Director Dr. Cho.

During our stay, we were blessed with opportunities to give mission reports at three nearby churches. The pastors and church members welcomed us very warmly, even though it was our first visit. Also, Missionary Ricky, a fellow WUPM missionary, spent a full day showing us around his hometown of Jeonju the day after we met. Throughout the week, we were overwhelmed by the incredible hospitality of the people we met everywhere. We are deeply grateful to Director Dr. Cho (pictured on the right), Rev. Andrew, who warmly welcomed and fully supported us at the center, and Rev. Hitoshi Ito, who helped us mainly as an interpreter.

Community Dining 'Yuyake Koyake'

We thank the Lord that we were able to visit Fukui Church for the first time in three years. Participating in the preparations for "Community Dining Yuyake Koyake" on Friday, June 26, was a huge blessing. We truly felt how many workers and supporters have been provided beyond religions and denominations, and above all, how "Yuyake Koyake" has become a beloved place of rest for local people. It was a time when we deeply experienced the guidance of our living Lord.



At "Community Dining Yuyake Koyake," listening to stories about Cambodia while enjoying a meal.



Fukui Christ Church Sunday service: Children listening eagerly to the message "Seeds of Love."

On Sunday, June 28, many of the people who came to the dining hall just two days earlier joined our Sunday service. It was a truly great joy for us. We are also deeply grateful for the many donated items we received for the students of Ogura Primary School in Cambodia. We pray from our hearts that, through the Community Dining "Yuyake Koyake", and other ministries established by the Lord, Fukui Christ Church will become even more beloved by the local area, serving as a center for the community, and spread God's blessings throughout the region.

Children Looking Beyond to the World

On Monday, July 13, we visited Yokohama City Satsukigaoka Elementary School. During lunch break, we were given the opportunity to introduce Cambodian culture, history, and local ministries to a class of 5th graders. At Satsukigaoka Elementary School, Pastor Tomoko Miyake of Aoba Christ Church has been volunteering for many years. As part of these efforts, a ministry to donate stationery and other items to Ogura Primary School, a public elementary school in Cambodia, began earlier this year.



In front of the staff room. Donated items for the elementary school in Cambodia are being collected.



Sharing about our ministries in Cambodia with the 5th-graders. Everyone listened eagerly.

This time, through a special arrangement by the school, we were given the opportunity to talk about Ogura Primary School in addition to our ministries in Cambodia. What a blessing it is for missionaries to be able to talk about our mission at a public elementary school in Japan! About 60 students gathered, and they all actively participated with responses and questions. One child even said, "After listening to today's talk, I feel like I want to visit Cambodia." We pray that in the near future, a tour with a team of students and teachers from Satsukigaoka Elementary School to visit Ogura Primary School and our church will become a reality.

First Time in 16 Years -Shimonoseki Baptist Church-

For several years, members of the Shimonoseki Church women's group have attended our mission report meetings at Kokura Christ Church in Kitakyushu City. We are truly grateful that they warmly accepted our request to hold a report meeting at Shimonoseki Church this time. This visit to the Church was our first in 16 years, since serving there on an mission team during seminary days. We were deeply moved that some church members still remembered that time. We also shared a joyful reunion with Pastor Izumi and his wife, Megumi, after such a long time.



The mission report meeting at Shimonoseki Church. Once again this year, we were given time to share a mission report in the Kitakyushu area.



**(Left) A long-awaited reunion with Pastor Kuichi Iwanami and his wife, Sachiko.
(Right) The mission report meeting at Hanno Church.**

Joy of Reunion -Hanno Baptist Church-

On the afternoon of August 2, right before departing for Cambodia, a mission report meeting was held at Hanno Baptist Church. We enjoyed a long-awaited reunion with Pastor Machiko Takebayashi, the church members, and Pastor Kyuichi Iwanami and his wife, Sachiko. Pastor Iwanami was our pastor at Miyahara Christ Church who sent us to seminary. Participants also joined via Zoom from Hitachi Church and Koriyama Church. Previously, Miyahara Christ Church was our sole supporting church in the Kita-Kanto Regional Association. We are truly grateful that the Lord has expanded our prayer circle for Cambodia in this way.

Supported by Prayer -Hospital Stay and Surgery-

In July, Kazuyuki underwent a colonoscopy, and a polyp was found. Because of its challenging location, he needed a hospital stay and surgery. As a result, we had to cancel several scheduled church ministries. However, for our ministry at Tokiwadai Baptist Church, we were thankful that Pastor Takashi Mori and others quickly arranged an online session instead. After being discharged, his health recovered smoothly, and we were able to complete the remaining ministries as scheduled. A follow-up exam right before leaving Japan showed no problems, allowing us to return to the mission field in even better health. This experience reminded us of the importance of health management and made us realize how wonderful the prayer support truly is.



「わたしが父の内におり、父がわたしの内におられることを、信じないのか。わたしがあなたがたに言う言葉は、自分から話しているのではない。」
 日本バプテスト教会 2026.7.12 主日礼拝 ヨハネ福音書講解④「すべての人をひとつにしてく」 嶋田和幸宣教師【ヨハネによる福音書 17章20～26節】(新共同訳 新約P.203)

Sunday service message at Tokiwadai Baptist Church. They quickly arranged for us to serve online.

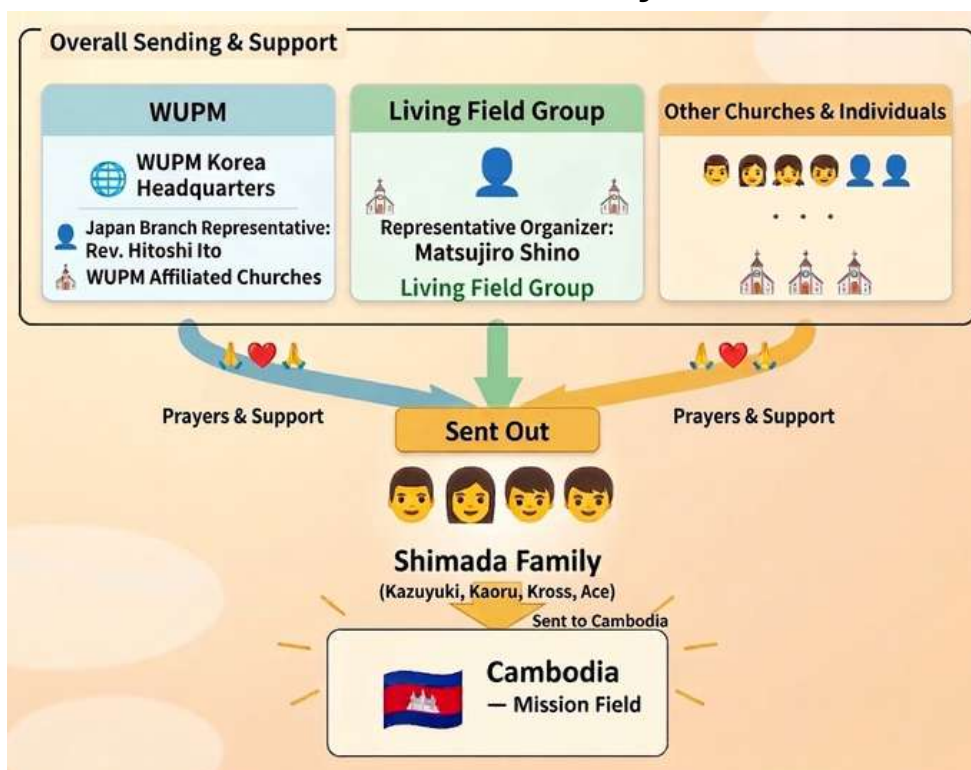


Cross-denominational local event "Community Cafe @ Okubo." We held a macrame art workshop.

NCC Ecumenical Cooperation Fund

We would like to report that during this home assignment, we received generous support from the NCC (National Christian Council in Japan) Ecumenical Cooperation Fund for our mission reporting activities across Japan. Specifically, the funds covered transportation, fuel, travel expenses, and necessary equipment and office supplies for our reports. Our fruitful mission reporting activities were made possible thanks to this fund. We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude. Thank you very much.

Cambodia Mission -Prayer Network-



The network of the Living Field Group, WUPM, and other churches and supporters prays for us, supports us, and sends us out.

Up to now, our life and ministry have been truly protected through the prayers and support of many churches and individuals. Remembering this, we would like to express our gratitude once again. Three years ago, the support group "Living Field Group" was established. Together with representative organizer Jiro Shinomatsu (Tokiwadai Baptist Church), around 10 churches currently take the lead in actively offering prayer and support. On top of that, as reported, our visit to the WUPM Headquarter in Korea became a reality, marking the beginning of our relationship with South Korean churches. We are supported and sent out by this prayer network—comprising churches connected to the "Living Field Group," churches connected to WUPM, as well as churches and supporters linked through other personal connections.

Our desire is for as many people as possible to join this prayer network and share in the Cambodian mission. Among you, if anyone feels specifically led by God, we would love for you to visit the mission field in person. So far, many teams and individuals—including four short-term mission trip groups—have visited and joined our work in Cambodia. Your presence encourages the locals, strengthens our prayers, and advances the mission. Of course, a simple visit or sightseeing trip is more than enough; it does not have to be an official short-term mission. We whole-heartedly pray that as many people as possible will get to know Cambodia and witness firsthand what God is doing here.



**We are deeply grateful for all of your prayers and support.
May even more people join this network of prayer.**

Churches and Organizations Where We Served and Ministered During Our Stay in Japan

Yokohama JOY Baptist Church	Yokohama Municipal Satsukigaoka
Shonandai Baptist Church	Elementary School
Tokyo Kita Christ Church	Community Cafe @ Okubo (Venue: Japan
WUPM Mission Center (Korea)	Evangelical Lutheran Tokyo Church
Seosan Central Holiness Church (Korea)	Organized by CWS Japan)
Hyangginanun Namu Church (Korea)	Yokohama Onnuri Christ Church
Jinok Holiness Church (Korea)	Jesus Family Church (Independent)
Dangjin Central Holiness Church (Korea)	Kokura Christ Church
Fukui Christ Church	Shimonoseki Baptist Church
Aoba Christ Church	Tamagawa Christ Church
Tokiwadai Baptist Church (Online Ministry)	Miyahara Christ Church
	Hanno Baptist Church

Prayer Requests

1. We may serve God's mission with joyful hearts, continual prayer, and steadfast devotion.
2. The children and youth of CBU Office Church may grow deeper in the grace of the Lord.
3. For stronger relationships with nearby Ogura Elementary School, building a foundation to share the Gospel.
4. For supporters and guidance for new members to join the "Threads of Hope" women's ministry.
5. We may daily wait upon the Lord and trust in Him to meet every need.

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