

Dear Friends and Family,

"It's hot, isn't it?" is the typical greeting at this time of year. Summer is the season of heat and humidity as well as a change from the normal routine, and even includes some rest and relaxation.

This summer we have the exciting opportunity to hold Komyo Christian Church's first baptism! On August 19<sup>th</sup>, Hitomi Yamanaka will be baptized. It is her birthday, and she is excited to have the celebration of her spiritual birth on the same day as her physical birth. Thank you for **praying** with us as we prepare!

Mr. and Mrs. Sakamoto are planning to have their baptism later in the fall. They, also, are excited about celebrating what God has done in their hearts with the church family.

### Live Gospel Café

In July we had another Live Gospel Café at church. We continue to be amazed at God's guidance and how He has used these times for His glory. We were excited to welcome several newcomers from the neighborhood. Several of our regular attenders helped distribute fliers in the neighborhood, so this was an encouragement to them, as well!



Our special guest was Cassandra Peake, a missionary and gospel singer originally from Chicago. She brought several of her students and choir members to assist in the time of worship. It was a wonderful evening of testimony, praise, and, of course, food! We are already looking forward to our next café time in October!

### One Year

It is amazing how fast time passes. We are happy to welcome the Ewings back to Japan after their year of home assignment. Yuri and I have learned so much about ministry this year and know God has even bigger plans for the Komyo church in the years to come.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in this important ministry in Japan!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Shan in Japan

## Praise & Prayer Requests

- \*Praise God for three baptisms at Komyo Christian Church! Pray for preparations and continued growth.
- \*Praise God for the ministry of Live Gospel Café. Pray that the newcomers will come again.
- \*Praise the Lord for His faithfulness, guidance, and strength, especially over the past year.
- \*Praise God for life, the opportunity to serve Him, and, most of all, for the gift of His Son.



Hiking with Yuri and Hitomi

*This is how we know  
what love is: Jesus  
Christ laid down his  
life for us. And we  
ought to lay down our  
lives for our brothers.  
1 John 3:16*

Please **pray** for our next Ladies' Lunch and Talk scheduled for September 11. Our friend, Coco Kasatani, will be sharing about how God has been working in and healing her life and heart, especially through music.

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