New Life Kids

In September Fiona started leading New Life Kids and there have been fantastic things happening, including the implementation of a new bilingual program.

The aim is for the Kids program to be full of fun and to be a place where the children can invite their friends. Above all it is a place where kids can come and hear the wonderful news about Jesus.

In the New Year an outreach will commence at one of the local parks to introduce families to the Church and to the New Life Kids Program.

We are also planning other ‘Kids Club’ type events throughout the year for kids in the community.

Praise God! Since the start of the ignite ministries and Ignite Praise on the 13th September this year, we have already seen 4 people make a decision to follow God and become disciples from this service. It usually takes about 6 months for people to get to a point for making a decision for God in Japan, so praise God that we are already seeing great results like this.

We have also had many others come along and experience God for the first time, so we are expectant that there will be a steady increase in people making decisions and following God.

It is also encouraging to see how people are getting involved and the team is growing and developing. We have now been able to raise up a new Japanese praise and worship leader for the Ignite Praise service as well as inspiring other Japanese leaders and getting more people involved.

Please continue to pray for more people to be drawn into the Ignite English program and then get involved in Ignite praise. Please continue to pray for our new Christians that they would be encouraged to grow and develop their relationship with God.

Also please pray that our new Christians will naturally reach out to their friends and get their friends and family involved and saved too.

This is really such an exciting time. Please continue to pray that God sends people to grow the team here to further lead and encourage the growth that God wants to see happen here, that more people are reached and blessed.

Please let us know if you or your church would like to support us or get more involved in serving here on field. We would love to hear from you.
HAKATA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (HIS) CHURCH PRESENTATION

Congratulations to Hakata International School for leading the church service on the 25th October.

It was amazing to see all the families of students come to enjoy a service celebrating the goodness of God. This saw 7 new people in church who had never been to church before.

There was also so much talent that the students shared with everyone. What a great job the teachers are doing to share into the hearts and lives of these students.

IGNITE LIVE!

How good is this! Taking church to the streets of Japan and including a 5 minute English challenge to passers by. How easy to engage people and give them an experience of church.

Preparing for 2016

2015 has been a massively big year for the Geberts. It was an amazing time of preparation and going as a team with a lot of you going as supporters.

It is so amazing how quickly time goes by, and the successes that have already begun is in large part to all the supporters like you.

In preparing for 2016, the Geberts would love to invite those to consider and confirm support.

The Geberts would also love to hear from churches now who are considering sending teams for 2016. Please let us know as soon as possible if this is something we can organise with you.

Please let us know as soon as possible dates, team sizes and talents. There are various outreach activities that they would love to have teams have fun with and serve the church. Please email Pastor Eugene on japandirections@gmail.com.

Team Serving

Chad Zimmerman came from America with a team of 3 in total and served in many ways including a free hotdog outreach at the church. This drew in “impossible” to reach crowd of highschoolers.

Chad testified saying “When I first went to Japan, everyone told me high schoolers were impossible to reach; welcome to Hot Dog House. Where we sell out the local grocery stores buying food and drinks for local high schoolers to come and hang out and tell me how lame and old I am.”

The Church was really blessed by Chad, Kiami and Alex. It is amazing how powerful it is to simply be open and ready to connect with people over free food and a chance to relax and enjoy fun things in common. This is so simple and effective and anyone can do it.

What could you do with a short term team?

We would love to hear from you for next year.

Please email Eugene on japandirections@gmail.com so we can discuss what is possible.

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Facts & Figures

Young Fukuoka

Fukuoka is becoming the place to live in Japan. The latest figures indicate that Fukuoka has grown 3.1% making it the number one growth city in Japan surpassing Sendai, Saitama, Kawasaki and Sapporo. 19.2% of Fukuoka’s population is between the ages of 15 and 29! So it only makes sense that it is one of the best places to do young at heart outreach activity and ministry, connecting to all ages. Why not get even more involved yourself?

Jessica Starts Kindy!

Thank you everyone for praying! We are so happy to tell you that Jessica started at Hoikuen (Kindy) on 2 November.

There were no tears and her comment after the first day was that it was “the best fun ever”. What a brave and amazing girl!

Four Ways to Get Involved

Everyone can easily participate in the Gebert’s journey by giving support in one of the four areas needed.

1. Social Media

   The Gebert’s need the word to go out around Australia about what God has called them to do. They need everyone who has a heart to see Japan changed by the good news, to share with their friends how they too can become involved.

   This can be done through Facebook by going to https://www.facebook.com/japandirections, and liking and sharing with your friends and talking to them about it. At the moment the Facebook site’s purpose is to draw people to the website http://japandirections.com/. This is where people can find all the information needed on the work the Geberts are doing and more.

   At the moment there are 154 likes on Facebook, which is a great start. Keep the momentum going and get the word out directing people to both the Facebook and webpages where all the relevant information and forms can be found as well as commendations.

2. Prayer

   The Gebert’s need your prayers as they step out in faith; with the vision of Japan as a nation that loves God. God sees Japan as it will be; a Christian nation.

   There will be regular updates on how you can pray specifically for them and the situations they work with in Fukuoka and Japan. Pg 4 has their prayer needs.

   We all need to keep God the central focus in all we do.

3. Finance & Giving

   Financial giving is so important and key to being able to do what needs to be done. One off donations are great, and regular monthly commitments essential.

   Everyone can be a key part in God’s work by simply making a commitment to support the Gebert’s so that people who have never heard the good news have a chance to accept God’s life changing love.

4. Sending Short Term Teams

   As part of their vision the Gebert’s are interested in hearing from their supporters who have teams with talents that could be used on field in evangelistic outreach activities.

   It is important that teams come with their skills identified and developed and prepared to serve. The Gebert’s would love to consider having you along on field. The website will have a login section where teams will be able to have access to all relevant information for them including maps, itineraries, emergency contact information, some basic survival language kits and a place to share photos and experiences.

   Again, this is available to those who are already supporting them. They will be under the direction of the senior pastor and the Geberts.

ALL IT TAKES IS FOR GOD’S PEOPLE TO DECIDE TO NEVER TIRE OF DOING GOOD, OWN THE VISION & ACT

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**Praise and Prayer Points**

- Praise God that we have already seen 4 salvations in the new Ignite Praise service.
- Praise God that Jessica has started at a local Hoikuen (Kindy). The Geberts got their first choice of kindy and a special place was made available for Jessica.
- Fiona hurt her toe about 18 month ago and it has been giving her lots of pain. It has been particularly affecting her now that we have been doing lots of walking. Praise God that it has been totally and miraculously healed.
- We are really getting to know the people at Church and developing great relationships. We are so thankful for so many friends that have helped us to settle in.
- News about the Ignite Praise Service is spreading and other leaders from other Churches are interested in coming to see what is happening.
- Praise God for his care and provision and for our many faithful partners and friends. We feel totally loved and blessed.

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**Please pray for a placement to become available for Elyssa at Kindy. This will allow Elyssa to also make new friends and learn Japanese and will allow Fiona to be able to get involved in Hakata International School.**

**Please pray for the Ignite Praise ministries – Ignite English, Ignite live, 5 minute English Challenge, Ignite Praise. Pray for hearts to be open to our invitations and ready to accept the good news.**

**Pray also for more people to serve at the Ignite Praise Service including musicians, singers, interpreters and more people to assist with the production/sound side of things.**

**Please continue to pray for more sponsors to join in partnership in the New Year.**