

MLP Japan News



Photo: Kiyomizu Temple in Kyoto with lights.

Greetings

End Times

We are now in the end times of the church year which reminds us of the countless blessings we have received from God. As redeemed children of God, we remember the wonderful blessings of translation work through MLP Japan.

Activities

Forward in Christ

MLP Japan will be translating Forward in Christ Magazine articles starting December 2022. We are planning to feature the article written by our last Japan missionary, Pastor Bradly Wordell who is currently a Professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Translation Topic

Hymns in Japan

In Japan, many traditional hymns are sung in old and formal Japanese which sometimes become a stumbling block for delivering the clear saving message of Jesus Christ. This is especially true for young people who are not learning the language. MLP Japan is praying for good translational solutions to handle this issue in Ja.



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

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Outreach**Joy Club – A Bilingual Children’s Outreach Program**

Joy Club began in 2017 as a bilingual outreach activity program for children in LECC Aganai Church in Tokyo, held once a month on Saturday afternoons, teaching one Bible story and Bible song in English and Japanese. The children would deepen their learning through crafts and games which follow. The program was later held at a church member’s home.

Joy Club had not been held for 3 years due to Covid but it started to meet again in October 2022. This time the meeting was held in a Japanese restaurant E.den, where Kouji Egawa, the husband of Joy Club teacher and MLP Media Consultant, Kaori Egawa, runs as the owner/chef. Kaori and her American co-teacher, Joseph Bandy, organized the event. Joseph, a member of Aganai Church, taught the story of Martin Luther. Kaori played the mini piano and sang a reformation hymn with the children. Kaori shared the translated Reformation story to Joseph’s Japanese wife as Joseph taught and sang a finger play song about Luther. For crafts, the group made fresh rosemary wreaths decorated with a Luther's Rose. The next Joy club meeting will be held in December 2022, Lord willing. Please keep our outreach program in your prayers.

**Story****Reformation Day**

Martin Luther wanted everyone to know that we are forgiven through faith in Jesus alone, not through what we do. Luther learned this through reading the Bible. Luther wrote a letter telling what he had found in the Bible. It was a long letter with 95 different things he wanted to say.

On October 31st in 1517, he nailed the letter to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. The next day was All Saints Day and everyone who went to church saw the letter on the door and learned the truth. Luther did many things to fix the church with his ideas. That is why we celebrate Reformation Day on October 31st every year.

MLP Topics**What is “TELL”?**

TELL is a free online Bible learning app created by MLP. It provides the chance for many people to hear God’s healing message and to be trained as Christian leaders. The majority of TELL’s teaching content is delivered through short videos. They are high quality teaching contents built on sound Christian doctrine. The app is easily downloaded on both iOS and Android App stores. TELL is currently provided in 3 languages, English, Chinese, and Tagalog. TELL provides a great opportunity for anyone who knows the language and wants to learn about Jesus’ love for all people.



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