

MLP Japan News



Aganai Church in Higashikurume, Tokyo

Greetings

Easter Season

Why do we celebrate easter? **The Bible teaches that Jesus is our Savior of all people.** Whoever believes that Jesus rose from the dead to pay for their sins and asks forgiveness will be forgiven and given an eternal life in heaven. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter and rejoice the amazing grace that God has given us. Happy Easter!

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Pre-Evangelism

Event at the Library

On Monday, March 27, Oyako Joy Club held their book reading event at Higashikurume Chuo (Central) Library. It was a beautiful day with tulips and cherry blossoms blooming around the building. We are thankful that 5 families including the babies participated. We are looking forward to more participants this month since the library will remove the number limitations. **Next time: Mon. April 24 11:00~**

Announcement

Church Dedication

The new **Aganai Lutheran Christian Church building in Higashikurume** was dedicated to the Lord on March 21. The church was modestly decorated and had a calm atmosphere which was fitting for prayer and praise. Pastor Nakamoto, Pastor Nidaira, and Pastor Haga performed the dedication ceremony. The members of Aganai church, the president of the building firm, Peter Architect, and several ladies from English Bible classes more than 30 years ago joined the worship service. We pray that the church will be richly blessed.



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

He [Jesus] is risen; just as he said.

Matthew 28 : 6

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Christian Topic

Teach Me to Pray

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“**Teach us to pray,**” one of Jesus’ disciples asked him one day (Luke 11:1). Now--it wasn’t that they were unfamiliar with the concept of sending speech or thoughts up to God in heaven. Their parents had surely taught them prayers in their homes when they were children. Each Sabbath they would light their candles and pray. Each Passover they would eat the lamb, hear again the story of God’s miraculous redemption of his people, and thank him for his mighty acts on their behalf.

They were regulars at synagogue worship and knew the temple rituals. But when they saw how much Jesus got out of his prayer time, when they saw how often and how intensely he spoke with his Father, they knew they were missing something important. They wanted their prayer life to do for them what it obviously did for Jesus.

Why did he draw so much strength from that time? Why was he always so refreshed? How could they tap into that heavenly comfort and energy?

Do you share their longing? Is your prayer life sometimes unfulfilling? forced? scant? confused? nonexistent? The Bible is full of stories and passages that can guide and inspire us to a better prayer life. These little devotions will bring you an encouraging word from the Word for each day of your month. **“Pray continually”** (1 Thessalonians 5:17)!
--Pastor Mark Jeske From *Time of Grace Devotions*, edited by MLP Japan

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Easter Short Movies for Children

Oyako Joy Club presents 3 short stories of Bell the Rabbit and her friend Pyon. **Bell tells the story of Easter and the reason for our Joy.** The illustration is all originally produced by MLP Japan. The language is in easy Japanese. Jesus is risen! What a joy!

Easter Joy 1



Easter Joy 2



Easter Joy 3



Hymn Translation

Amazing Grace – Back Translation

1. Amazing grace, how wonderful it is
That God’s love is overflowing.
2. Promise of salvation, Jesus gives us.
Saving us all who wander in darkness.
3. Taking away our sins and worries,
Jesus always protects us.
4. Jesus perfected our Salvation through
the Cross. Jesus is our firm foundation.
5. Holy Spirit’s help, God promises us to
give. We sing His praise.

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