

MLP Japan News



Shikotsu Lake in Chitose, Hokkaido

Greetings

Nurturing Bonds

In August, many people head out on family vacations all over the country. Recently, I had the pleasure of reuniting with family and friends after a long while. It was especially touching to reconnect with friends I hadn't seen in years. **Face-to-face conversations** reminded me of how deep the bond grows when we meet with our loved ones.

Jesus, our Savior, is our friend too. Through reading the Bible and praying, we can deepen our relationship with Him. I hope that by placing the Bible at the center of your life, your bond with Jesus becomes ever stronger.

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Evangelism

Joy Club in Koiwa

On Saturday, July 29th, we hosted the 'Joy Club,' a bilingual Bible class for elementary students, in Koiwa, Tokyo. Four of us met in the room where Mr. Joseph Bandy teaches English. Together, we learned about Jesus. After the lesson, we had fun playing a fishing game and singing Bible songs with actions. It was an afternoon filled with true Christian joy.



Notice

Tomato Club Event

Come to the Tomato Club on August 20th (Sunday) afternoon! It's a **cooking class for high school students** and teens where we mix Bible lessons with cooking. **This time, we're making 'sushi'.** We'll read the Bible, sing some songs, and then learn to make sushi. Kouji Egawa from the E.den restaurant will help us.

If you want more information, please call Kaori Egawa's cell phone, 090-5807-9880 for assistance.



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH
Follow God's example, therefore, as
dearly loved children.

Ephesians 5:1

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Evangelism Topics

A work trip to the US (Part 2) - Kaori's Journal

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

In June, I took a two-week business trip to the U.S. While there, I had the chance to visit **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary**. It was such a joy to see **Pastor Wordell and his wife, Andrea-san**, again! They had spent 16 years as missionaries in Japan and had returned to the U.S. eight years ago. They gave me a tour of the beautiful campus, and I was impressed to see how the seminary is dedicated to teaching the Word of God with such passion and love. The Wordells have lived on campus in faculty housing since 2015. Pastor Wordell is passionately involved in training the next generation of pastors. I hope and pray for continued blessings on their endeavors.



WELS Office Tour



The three photos in the upper right are of the seminary and the Wordell couple. The photo in the lower right captures the office tour with the members of the Hong Kong Asia One Team.

Towards the end of my business trip, I had the opportunity to take **a tour of the WELS office**. The tour was guided by Pastor Larry Schlomer from the Board of World Missions.

That day, we were joined by members from the WELS church in Hong Kong and the **Asia One Team**. The tour began in the WELS museum in the basement. As we moved through the office, we met various pastors and staff members. It was heartening to see **everyone working with such dedication and a true missionary spirit**, clearly taking joy in their service to the Lord!



Hymn Translation

Shu kirisuto dakega (Back Translation of *In Christ Alone* Japanese translation)

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| 1. Only in Christ, The light of hope shines, No storm can ever shake, The foundation so firm, Oh, such pure love, The depth of peace so deep, I stand on the Word, Of my Lord Jesus Christ. | 2. Jesus, the Son of God, Is God's precious gift. Yet people scorned, His profound love. Through Jesus' sacrifice, I am saved, And upon His death, I shall live forever. | 3. Jesus, who gave His life, On the cross, Shines in victory, As the resurrected King. I am freed From the bondage of sin, I am now embraced in His hands, Praising the Lord with gratitude." |
| 4. There's no sin to accuse me, No fear in death, Such is the power Of Christ in me. From the moment I was born, Carrying a mission, | I follow Jesus, Who will come once again. From the powers of hell, And evil intentions, I am protected, Standing in the Lord's strength. | |