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MLP Japan News



Osaka Prefecture, Sakai City

Greetings

The Season of Harvest

As autumn deepens, we enter the season of harvest this November. Once again, God's abundant blessings have sustained us, meeting all our needs this year.

The harvest of our lives is also the blessing of love and hope given to us through Jesus Christ. Let us continue to share these blessings with one another and serve the Lord with gratitude. With hearts full of thankfulness for God's grace, we lift our praise to the One who provides everything and protects us. May God's rich blessings be upon you this month.

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Editor of MLP Japan

Report

Roles of Men and Woman

In October, WELS released an official document on the roles of men and women, as a supplement to the statement from the 1990s.

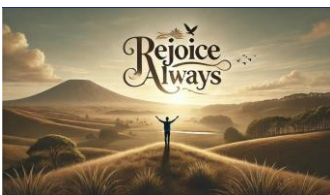
The Japanese translation is available on the LECC website (leccjp.org). You can find the article link here.

We have also heard that Josiah Wordell (featured in our July newsletter), who is the fifth child of former WELS missionary of Japan (Pastor Wordell and his wife Andrea), has been battling an intestinal illness. He spent his 23rd birthday in November in the ICU and is now moved to a general ward in the hospital as he continues to recover. We ask for your prayers for his full healing and strength.

Pre-Evangelism Activities Club Activities

In November, the cooking club, "Tomato Club," made delicious autumn treats like apple pie and sweet potato desserts using roasted sweet potatoes. We also watched Chapter Three of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and were touched by the main character's growth through their adventures. In December, we plan to make Christmas treats while enjoying a Christmas movie.

The next "Parent-Child Joy Club" for 0-2 years olds will be held on Monday, December 16, at 11:00 AM in Higashikurume Central Library.



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Christian Magazine Summery-From *Forward in Christ* November Issue**We Know the Results**

By the time this article is published, the United States will likely know who the next president is. **As Christians, our first response to the election results should be prayer.** Let us pray for leaders who will serve the nation faithfully. Regardless of the outcome, let us ask God to grant them wisdom and strength.



We must also remember that our future does not rest in politics or government but in the hands of God, who works all things for our good (Romans 8:28). Even amid Satan's attacks and confusion, we must focus on God's promises. He assures us, **"I will never leave you nor forsake you"** (Joshua 1:5).

Psalm 2 reminds us: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?" Though the kings of the earth rise up against the Lord, God declares, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy mountain" (Psalm 2:6). Regardless of the election results, let us trust in our God of salvation, who reigns sovereignly, and move forward with confidence and peace.

God Didn't Have to Do That

I once looked at the spectacular fall colors of autumn leaves and wondered, "Did God have to make them so beautiful?" **In the fall, God doesn't just let the leaves drop while still green. Instead, He paints them in brilliant red, yellow, and orange for us to enjoy.** The stunning landscapes of mountains, rivers, and coastlines, along with the diversity of creatures like giraffes and hummingbirds, are all creations of God. He didn't need to make them so magnificent, but He chose to.

The greatest blessing we have to be thankful for is the spiritual gift of salvation. In His grace and mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world, placing our sins on Him despite His sinlessness. This act of love was done "so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The Bible tells us that God loves us, forgives us, and promises us eternal life through faith. This is something He has done for us because He is a compassionate Heavenly Father. Although the Bible states that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), God still accomplished the work of salvation—a work He didn't have to do. Let us give thanks and give praise to Him with all our hearts, and commit to living a life that serves and follows Jesus faithfully.



James Pope | *Forward in Christ* Editor

English Learning Topics**The Toddler's Bible by V. Gilbert Beers**

The Toddler's Bible by V. Gilbert Beers presents key stories from the Old and New Testaments in a way that's easy for children aged 1 to 3 to understand. With Jesus as the central focus, the book is written in simple, approachable English, making it ideal for family reading or bedtime stories. The warm tone and beautiful illustrations bring the Bible stories to life. **An Audible version is also available, allowing families to enjoy the stories through gentle narration.** The book also includes Bible references and a user-friendly table of contents for easy navigation.

V. Gilbert Beers, the author, has written over 200 books during his 50-year career, more than half of which are for children. **His works have played a valuable role in sharing core Christian values in an accessible way.**

This book offers a blend of simplicity and depth, making it enjoyable for the whole family, from young children to adults. It's especially recommended for English learners as a gentle introduction to Christian teachings and values.

