

Multi-Language Productions (MLP)

MLP Japan News



Winter in Shirakawa-go: Snowy Landscape

Greetings

Living in God's Love

We live in the great love of God. The Bible tells us that God never changes; His love for us is constant, and He guides us with His unfailing care.

In response to this love, **let us also show love in ways that reflect our identity as children of God.** In our daily lives, we can express His love through small acts of kindness and compassion.

Through the work of MLP Japan and our personal journeys, **may the love and peace of Christ continue to reach more and more people.**

Kaori Egawa
Editor of MLP Japan

Report

PB Hebrews Now Available

Starting this month, the **Japanese translation of the People's Bible (PB)– Hebrews** is now available. You can read it **for free** on the [LECC website](http://lecc.org).

This New Testament book provides a clear and detailed explanation of **why Christ is the true Savior**, connecting key themes to the Old Testament, especially **the story of Exodus**. The book of Hebrews is known for being **one of the more challenging books in the New Testament**, but with commentary from the **professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary**, you'll gain a deeper understanding of **Christ's supremacy**.

<http://leccjp.org/post-593>



Pre-Evangelism and More Activities

On **Sunday, February 16, Joy Club** gathered online to enjoy hymns, a Bible story, and crafts centered around the theme **"Jesus' Love."**

The **Oyako (Parent-Child) Joy Club met on Monday, January 27**, at 11:00 AM, with four families—parents with their 0- and 1-year-old children. The next session will be **Monday, March 24**, at **11:00 AM**, at **Higashikurume Central Library**.



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1

Christian Magazine Summary – From *Forward in Christ***God's great love**

In a month when love is on many people's minds (like Valentine's Day), it is important to remember the greatest love of all—**God's love for us**.

God's love is so great because it makes us His children. Without His love, we are lost, condemned, and separated from Him. But through His great love, He declares that we are no longer enemies or objects of wrath but **His beloved children, saved and destined for heaven**.

God's love is also great because of **how much love He gives us**. 1 John 3:1 says that He **lavishes** His love on us—giving us more than we could ever imagine.

A real-life example of this kind of sacrificial love is **Brad Lewis, an Australian father**. When his young son Oscar accidentally fell from a third-story deck, Brad threw himself over the edge to catch him, cushioning his fall with his own body. Brad suffered severe injuries, breaking his back and skull, but miraculously survived and fully recovered. His love for his son led him to risk everything to save him.

This mirrors **God's even greater love for us. He sacrificed His Son, Jesus**, to save us and make us His children. Though we do not deserve such love, God gives it freely, abundantly, and unconditionally. **Isn't God's love great?** *Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me always be thankful for the great love you have lavished on me. Amen.*



Evan Chartrand
Pastor in Panama City Beach, Florida

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Who is to blame?

The question "**How can God condemn people who have never heard the gospel?**" is often asked, but the Bible does not directly answer it. Some use this uncertainty to blame God, but the real issue lies with **people** failing to pass along the gospel.

Twice in history, **everyone on earth knew the gospel**—once in the Garden of Eden (when Adam and Eve received God's promise of a Savior) and again after the Flood (when Noah and his family stepped onto dry ground). However, not long after, people **turned to false gods**, failing to preserve and share the truth.

Today, about **98% of the world's population** has access to the Bible in some form, but approximately **175 million people** lack it in their native language. The solution is clear: **we must get God's Word to more people**.

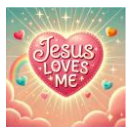
Our church is working toward this goal. **WELS Multi-Language Productions** has created Bible-based materials in **56 languages**, but more can be done. Thankfully, global migration has brought people from distant lands into our communities. **We have opportunities to share the gospel without leaving our neighborhoods**.

While the Bible may not answer every question the way we want, it answers the most important one: "**Does God love me?**" The answer is **yes—through Jesus**. That is the most satisfying truth of all.

James Pope
Forward In Christ (FIC) Editor

Praise Time**Jesus Loves Me – Japanese Lyrics Adapted into Two Verses for Young Learners**

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Lit tle ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.



Iyesu-sama no ai
Watashi o tsutsumu
Seisho ga sore o
Oshiete kureru
Sō! Iyesu-sama wa
Sō! Aishiteru
Sō! Seisho ni
Kaite aru

Iyesu-sama no ai
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The first verse in English has been adapted into two verses for children.
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