

Equipping Harvest Workers

June 2017 –Japan Ministry Spotlights and Prayer

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Our key role in Japan is to equip and develop leaders and workers for the harvest. That is accomplished through personal coaching and mentoring and training in seminars. CPI frequently has equipping events for both Japanese and missionary.



Last month John preached once and gave three presentations on church planting to about 40 at the WEC International Mission annual gathering near Kyoto May 3-4. WEC is an historic mission originally the Worldwide Evangelization for Christ started by that famous Africa missionary and mission mobilizer C.T. Studd. This mission is very international with workers from the UK, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the US.

Like our Converge Japan mission, WEC mission is a member of the Japan Evangelical Missionary Association (JEMA). So in a way we are kind of like family. God has built quite a cooperation with the 50+ member missions of JEMA. WEC has a similar vision to “see vibrant, indigenous and reproducing churches flourishing in Japan.” So John really enjoyed this environment.

GOD ANSWERED

1. On May 29-30, the National Mission Department of the Rengo met with our mission representatives. At this meeting was a surprising discussion on the need for Rengo churches to birth daughter churches occurred. Pray that God would grow this vision and many of the 62 Rengo churches birth daughter churches.
2. The CPI 2017 national conference training system of over 20 training seminars and the speakers lineup were finalized in May. Continue to pray as we prepare for this huge conference. We have 60 registered so far and we are ready for a flood of registrations.
3. We just heard word that Wm. Carey Library will be begin copyediting on John’s church planting book in June (or early July). To be the most helpful, pray that at least an announcement of the book would be ready by the October CPI Conference.

PRAYER PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS

1. On June 8, John will be meeting key heads of several church planting organizations in Japan to consider deeper partnerships and alliances. Pray that we would think big and God would bless our shared visions for a Japan full of churches.
2. John is off to Seoul South Korea June 25-28 where he will investigate a church planting course at Torch Trinity seminary and meet a leader from the Exponential movement. There will also be networking meetings with people working in church planting in Asia.
3. Continue to pray for Elaine's outreach classes, her mentoring of leaders, and the completion of her three books that are all in the latter stages.
4. Please have everyone have special prayer for the July 3-4 Church Multiplication Vision Festa in Sendai. This time it is meeting in Miyagi prefecture looking into case studies of church planting after the Great Eastern Japan Disaster in 2011. God has done much after the earthquake and tsunami increasing the number of churches by 30% and raising the evangelism response six times what would be normal! There is much to celebrate and learn.



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