



Dear Friends,

SPRING 2015

The year 2015 theme of City Baptist Church is "JOY".

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. (John 15:11)"

VISION 2015

Let me share what God has done for City Baptist Church here in Shibuya, Tokyo - Each year, He has increased the numbers of first-time visitors (66 in 2012, 98 in 2013, 106 in 2014). Though the attendance went low (average attendance was 50, and 6 salvation decisions last year) at end of 2014 due to our members' transfer/move, God continues to encourage us to have our vision this year; average attendance of 55 & the salvation of 10 souls. We are currently working on sending invitations to those who have been to our church before, to let them know God wants them back to His church!

SINGLE'S RETREAT

Taking advantage of New Year's Holiday (first 3 days in January), 12 singles from our church enjoyed fellowship and the Word of God. The goal of the retreat was to emphasize the importance of daily devotional. Half of these singles are also in my discipleship class. My prayer for them is to have Godly marriage in near future.



VALENTIN'S LUNCHEON

Many couples gathered at a hotel restaurant for Valentine Luncheon. I prepared for the devotional regards to marriage from the book of Genesis. Expression of love is not really a Japanese culture, so it appeared to be somewhat new concept. While the parents are having luncheon, our youth group took all the children to "Tokyo Fire Museum" and kids had so much fun as well!



SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Shibuya Ward is presenting same-sex proposal to the municipal assembly this month. If Tokyo as being culture-central, recognizes same-sex marriage, I fear this negative movement will spread like wild fire to other prefectures. In this corrupt world we must stand strong to teach about our Creator and His Word more than ever.

DEMOLITION NOTIFICATION

As part of 2020 Tokyo Olympic projects, older structures in Shibuya area began to be demolished. The building, which we rent a room on 4th floor as our church space on Sunday mornings since 2008, will indeed has to close down in coming June. God will show us another place for CBC to meet...to worship Him, for His glory...Amen! Will you pray for us?



In Christ

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Thank you for your prayers and support.

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