



MISSIONARIES TO TOKYO, JAPAN  
CHURCH PLANTING



# THE KINOSHITA FAMILY

Dear Friends,

FALL 2016

Even after June rainy season, we still continue to receive much rain now that it is officially the Typhoon season (July through September). With above 95% humidity and well beyond 85 °F temperature, we are so looking forward to Autumn.

**VBS**  
Thank you, BIMI mission team for leading VBS on 7/30/16. Praise God that Nozawa family, who has NEVER been to church before, joined our VBS!



**FRIENDS DAY/SINGLES FELLOWSHIP**  
There was 50 attendance including 9 new visitors on our 7/31/16 Friends Day. The guest speaker Bro. David Harris (BIMI Far East Director) presented Gospel message in the way that unsaved visitors would be able to understand easily. After Friends Day service, we had singles fellowship luncheon. What an awesome opportunity to hear how Pastor Harris became Japanese missionary, because several single people are praying about full-time ministry.



**FAMILY SUMMER CAMP**  
3-day family camp was held on 8/7/16. First day was filled with exciting activities such as the "epic water gun battle" and stargazing. Next day upon sunrise, the ladies began fixing 200 rice balls wrapped in delicious seaweeds before hiking for the mountaintop worship service by Pastor Masuda (mountain lift for the seniors, of course). Our 6-month planning/preparation for this summer camp was all WORTH it; I was thrilled to see many campers responded during the invitations.



**SALVATION**  
Ms. Masa Yoshida, whose first visit to City Baptist Church was Easter Sunday, got saved on 09/11/16! She is in follow-up class to be baptized in the Fall.

**FULL-TIME MINISTRY DECISION**  
Brother Iwanaga has been taking my discipleship class and he felt God's calling for full-time ministry, yet needed to be very sure. A year ago I started daily devotional meeting with Brother Iwanaga every morning at a McDonald. We took 2-men camp to pray about his calling as well. Brother Iwanaga finally recognized it is God's Will to dedicate his life for the full-time service. I will be training him to be used as the preacher to this lost city of Tokyo.



**50TH ANNIVERSARY**  
When Dr. Don Sisk (President Emeritus of BIMI) founded Senri-Newtown Baptist Church in Osaka half century ago, would he ever imagined speaking at this very church for its 50th anniversary (9/18/16) someday...? Would Dr. Sisk ever thought this young man, Ruth's dad Sôgorô Ogawa (who made salvation decision during opening service at Senri-Newtown) will be carrying on this church as the Pastor after 50 years...? We give all the glory to God because today, Senri-Newtown is the largest Baptist Church in Japan, often a place for up to 500 congregation. Our City Baptist Church is indeed the result of faithful church plant work of a missionary Dr. and Mrs. Sisk as the sister church of Senri-Newtown.



In Him,  
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