

Esakis in Osaka September 2016



+ GENESIS English Intensive

August 29-31 was our Genesis English Intensive and we had 9 students over three days who came to classes and dinner.



Genesis Café continues once a month, and then we need to set goals for our next steps toward forming the Genesis International College (GIC).

Praise: Three of the students were in our target audience of possessing good English skills and curiosity, but no interest in traditional education past high school.

Praise: Jesse and Candie Rose and Frank Harrell arrived in the last month to join our Genesis Osaka Team!



Student's written comments on critical thinking and task-based learning in the target language of English.

Hiroko "I am so lucky that I had a great time with good people as well as learned English."

Yuki "Speaking, hearing, thinking," he said, when asked to give three words to describe his day.

Atsumu "I really understood better how to think outside the box!"

Oki "I could enjoy and move around physically during the class."

Miya "The contents are perfect. I want more people to know about it. I'm so glad that we could get along with each other. They're going to be good friends."

+ Praise: 9 translators from Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka are working on 450 pages of material with a 2016 year-end deadline.



First Half of "Incubator" in Translation

Incubator: Facility or support established to nurture young startups during their early months or years. (businessdictionary.com)

Here are two introductory paragraphs:

The CtC Urban Church Planter Incubator curriculum focuses on a learning experience that has four distinctive elements: gospel values, a vital learning community, theological and practical principles of urban church planting, and

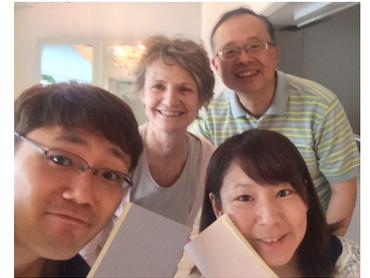
an active contextualized ministry.

These elements flow out of several educational assumptions that go way beyond the typical experience of pouring content into persons' heads, which has been the typical method of training pastors. Instead, our educational process seeks to transform you into competent, spiritual leaders who will be used of God to bring his kingdom to the city.

Community Building:

Our neighbors on the 5th floor have been such a blessing to us, which has been confirmation that God led us to this building. H & I-san are planning to marry on February 9, 2107. Lisa-chan is the baby born to our neighbors, and we celebrated the family with our neighbors at a baby shower.

Clockwise from Right: H & I-san with their notebooks after pre-marital coaching session, Marcia with Lisa-chan's baby shower. Tsujiuchi-sans at their baptism.



We met the Tsujiuchi-sans this spring at Mustard Seed Church, and had them over for lunch. May is Filipina, and Hiro is Japanese, so like us they have an international marriage. At that time, May wanted to be baptized but Hiro wasn't sure: She wanted to wait for her husband. In July, they were both baptized.



+ Prayer Answers:

M-san was the Osakan woman, who wanted to keep her baby against her mother's wishes. She has returned to her home. Her grandmother wrote to thank everyone who helped her granddaughter. The grandmother and mother plan to help M-san raise her baby, possibly with the help of the father.

In our last newsletter, Asako, Koji's mother had turned down a bid for her coffee shop rental. The woman has come back a fourth time with a plea to rent and meet all of Asako's conditions, and this persistence moved her. We pray for a good outcome.

A Japanese woman, American woman, and Marcia formed a Mental Health Support for Families in Japan Group on Facebook. We have gathered a group of mostly foreign women from all over Japan. Please pray as we try to strengthen the support system, especially in our Kansai region. We have a book discussion group (latest book is Anatomy of an Epidemic), an Art Therapy session with a professor from Tokyo, and we draw attention to the TELL English-language suicide hotline and their volunteer training.

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Thank you for your faithfulness. On November 1 it will be 23 years since we came as to Japan as a family. We are privileged that God has given us a second wind to move into this new work in Osaka.

For the first time Presbyterian Mission International has added PayPal or credit card for financial donations. Please go to the Donations page to see the options. As always, 100% of the contributions are being used for the work in Japan. Presbyterian Mission International volunteers keep our overhead at "zero." If you want to invest in urban church planting, college outreach to young people, mental health support, or community building in Osaka, Japan we welcome your donations.

*In His Grip,
Koji & Marcia
Esaki*
