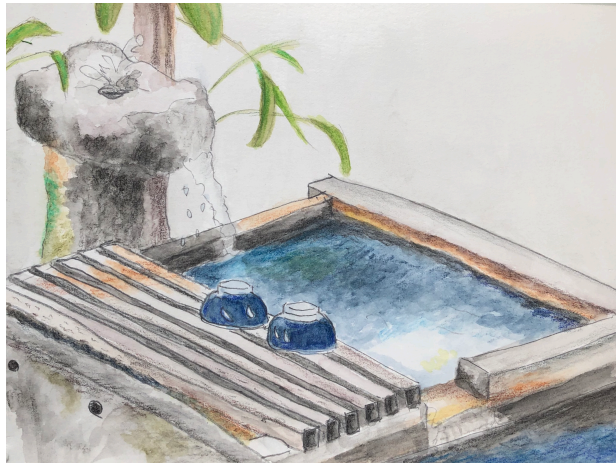


ESAKIS IN OSAKA

*City to City CTCJ
The Japanese
Intensive for
Church Planters
Tokyo
October 12-23*



*Grace, like water, flows
downward... No matter how
low we sink, grace flows to
that lowest part.*

Philip Yancey

We have had some answers to pray!
The bi-lingual church in downtown
Osaka, where we have been preaching
monthly, had three people confess their
faith and be baptized on July 26—three
Japanese men! The church was closed
down for about three months and
opened up to these developments. It
was an answer to “open hearts during
the pandemic.”

COACHING CHURCH PLANTERS

Over the last five months I was able to
have productive coaching on Zoom for
8 church planters, who had signed up
for the CTCJ Intensive for Church

Planters in March. It has been a good
way to get to know these candidates,
keep connected until the rescheduled
intensive, and be encouraged about
supporting the next generation. Please
pray for a smoothly running intensive
from October 12-23, either in person,
virtually or a combination of both.

FINDING AND TRAINING JAPANESE COACHES

Every church planter, who attends the
CTCJ Intensive, commits to six months
of free coaching. To carry out this task,
we at CTCJ need to find church
planters who are also interested in

becoming coaches and who are
temperamentally suited to coaching.

Pray that we can find two possible
coach candidates. Pray that I can
translate, or have translated, the coach
training materials I'll need in 2021 to
train them.

Our grand-
daughter will
be born any day
now. Please
pray for a safe
delivery. We
would love to
visit sometime,
so prayers for
that too!



Dr. Nobuyoshi came to my first Japanese Bible Study in St. Louis, in 1991. I was a seminary student and he was an exchange researcher at Washington University. He returned to Hiroshima National University Medical School as a radiologist. He later studied public health. In 2015, he began working with Muhimbili University in Tanzania, becoming head of the Japan branch of Good News Medical Volunteers dedicated to “healing the body but saving lives and souls.” Here he is pictured with the Malawi deputy ambassador and ambassador at the Embassy in Japan, in January 2020. It was exciting to hear how God has led Dr. Nobuyoshi, remembering that I was witness to the “grace flowing like water” that changed his life.

