

# ESAKIS IN OSAKA

| Coaching for Church Planters |

## Hiroshi Esaki (1951-2023)



This is Koji's older brother, Hiroshi, taken on April 1, the day he drove to pick Koji up at his Chiryu station. On April 26, he was admitted to the hospital with stage 4 renal cancer. We were the ones to take care of his final affairs. Hiroshi was not a believer.

Koji said to him, "You are entrusting me to take care of the last days of your life, will you entrust me to advise you about the next life?" He agreed to listen to Koji as a pastor.

Jesus called himself the gate, "if any man enter he shall be saved." (John 10:9) The gate is common all over Japan as entry to shrines and temples. The gate marks a transition from the mundane world to the sacred world. In the ten-minute increments allowed by the hospital, Koji explained that Jesus was the living gate that would lead him to heaven. Hiroshi had his life regrets, and it seemed God had prepared his heart for this moment. On May 12, Hiroshi was baptized. Two weeks later he was unconscious. On June 5, he passed away.

## Praise and Prayer

- Praise for Hiroshi's salvation.
- Praise for traveling mercies and for wonderful meetings.
- Pray for the progress of coaching, and as per the last newsletter, the preaching training in September.

## City to City Coaching

In Bangkok, 30 coaches from the Asia Pacific region and an additional 20 from the PRC (not pictured), spent a week in coach training. They will go back to coach their local church planters, who often feel alone and overwhelmed after the excitement of the church plant wears off.

Coaching in Asia Pacific is supported by a global CTC coaching network. The coach directors from Europe, South America, South Asia, Japan, and Asia Pacific gathered to look at the big picture of coaching. We shared our own network's progress, our setbacks, new tools, and just generally encouraged each other. You'll see some overlap in attendance, within the group photos, by color markings.



CTC Global Coach Director



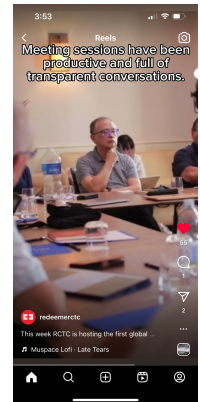
Japan Coach Director



Asia Pacific Coach Director



CTC Global Coach Directors Retreat, Pistoia, Italy, June 19-22.



CTC Asia Pacific Coach Training, Bangkok, May 1-5. Koji was a trainer.