



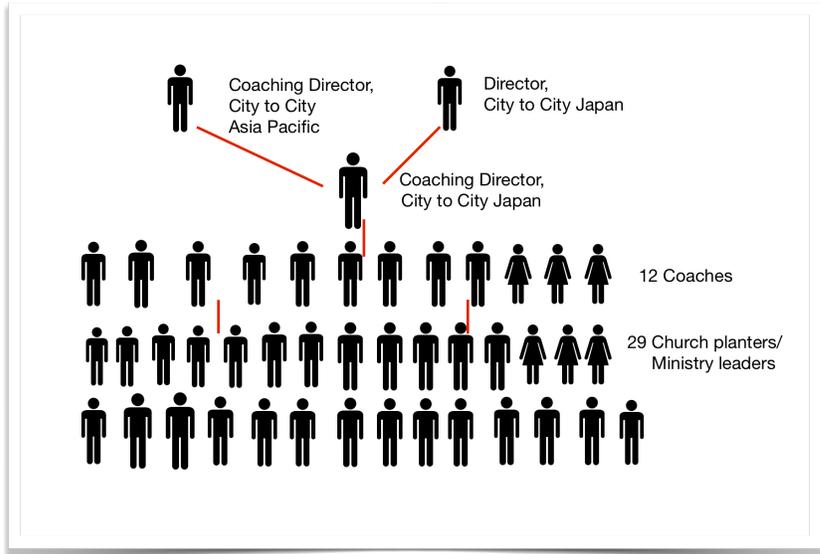
Praise and Prayer

Praise that the congregation has positively commented on the pastor's improved gospel and Japanese-context sermons from our training. Pray the rest of the pastoral team would improve too.

Koji's cousin, Makoto (90), has been diagnosed with untreatable cancer. After Koji visited him and prayed for him, his wife Atsuko said he was able to sleep well for the first time in months. He also told Koji that he had a vivid dream about heaven. Please pray that he and his wife would come to Christ soon.

Christmas/New Year's

(Bottom Left) We met Midori and Kazuki in 2015, when we became neighbors. We coached them in marriage preparation and planned baby showers (they are expecting a third). They are not believers but came to the 2024 Christmas service, as they have for at least five years. Pray for them to be drawn in by Christ.



2025 CitytoCity Japan Coaching Network

The CTCJapan coaching network began in 2019 with Koji, as the coaching director, and three coaches. This year the network has 12 coaches and, along with Koji, they coach 29 church planters on a monthly basis. The director, CTCJapan, supervises all activities in Japan, but the coaching director, CTC AP, is Koji's coach supervisor and trainer. At the top of the network is Redeemer City to City in NYC. The church planters are spread from Hokkaido to Okinawa and represent various gospel-centered churches.

The goal for 2025 is to retain the active coaches—all are on a volunteer basis—and identify eight more potential coaches as the number of church planters expands. It has been shown that gospel coaching increases the health of a young church, the church planter's family, and the communities that they serve.

Thank God that he has provided this dedicated group of coaches. Pray to have 20 trained coaches ready by the end of 2026.

(L, Koji middle back) A group from our church went to Osaka's Nishinari Ward to serve hot meals to the homeless over the New Year week, when city services stop. This and the service to a nearby orphanage are two of the church's community projects.