

ESAKIS IN OSAKA, FEBRUARY 2017



Engagement, Marriage, and a New Location for Genesis English Cafe

Engagement (CL): Hana and Sam were engaged on Christmas Day! We were delighted to spend time with them and Sam's family. We are waiting for details as to when and where the wedding will be.

Marriage (L): Our neighbors, H & I-san got married on February 9, 2017. We had coffee with them, the week before, and they stayed for 3-hours. They appreciated the pre-marriage coaching that increased their mutual trust. They wanted to know what happens after death, and we shared our Christian hope for our new body and eternal home.

Genesis Café (CR,R): Our English program to young adults, continues at the Swissôtel. We had rented a coffeehouse for 1½ years but the coffeehouse closed suddenly at the end of December and we were at a loss for what to do. We began a

cooperative relationship with Swissôtel in south Osaka; this is a geographical move from the north Osaka coffeehouse. At our first session, we had returnees and new students. Swissôtel wants to send their employees to attend our program, too.

Over the time of Genesis Café, over 100 students have attended with a 50% return rate even with our recent move. We want to try to build more programs and relationships with these young people.

The English Language Intensive is designed for our Genesis Café students. There will be two evening sessions on Business English and Cultural Differences. We will have a Christian businessman and businesswoman speaker, a Q & A, and then a lesson on practical English skills.



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Prayer

Answers

--The Church Planting Incubator lessons (the first 50%) have been translated and Koji has 5 months to review them before delivery in the classroom.

--Koji is mentoring two MDivs, Frank Harrell & Tim Bentson, in different stages of church planting preparation.

Requests

---Genesis English Language Intensive will be held the week of March 20. Please pray for a good program and good attendance.

--We still need a renter for Asako's, Koji's mother's, commercial 1st and 2nd floor.

--Prayer for our church planting vision in Osaka, and our two Bible studies in our apartment. One has three couples, plus one man—all over 50; another three women.