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REFLECTING ON THE FIRST YEAR OF COACH TRAINING



I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge so that you may be filled with the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

On November 2, we completed the CitytoCityJapan training of six pastors becoming coaches to Japanese church planters. We praise God that he blessed the four step plan we laid out in our March newsletter.

The initial approach of having the senior Aussie coach lead the training, with me as translating, reduced the content by half. Instead, I did the training all in Japanese. Also, the translation of materials cost more than I had planned, but our PMI funds were there to fund this project.

The trainees will now practice what they've learned, over the next six months, with a coachee of their choice. After that they will be certified.

Prior to my last session, I was meditating on Ephesians and felt Paul's prayer should be mine for these six trainees. I prayed that:

- ✚ The Father may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being (Eph.3:16).
- ✚ Christ ("instead of idols," I inserted) may dwell in your hearts through faith (v.17).
- ✚ You six, being rooted and established in love, may have power...to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge (17b-19a)
- ✚ You may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (v.19b).

With their reliance on Christ and the Spirit they are set to coach the next group of church planters, that will be trained in September 2022.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray for these six trainees, and for my ongoing Gospel coaching for seven church planters.

Pray that our wider CTC Asia Pacific coach network (from Korea to Australia, and East to Kazakstan and India) can strengthen and equip each other in 2022.

Please pray that H-san, K-san, and S-san, as members of our two Bible studies, would be moved to become believers

Hana and Sam are due with their third child in March. Pray for health, wisdom and support as their family grows.

Pray that Mae, our second daughter, emerges from this challenging Covid time, getting stronger in all aspects of her life.