



## CTC JAPAN April Coach Training

The italicized feedback, from two pastors who are becoming coaches, best describes the training experience.

*Through this training, I experienced a time of profound renewal, both personally and as a servant of the Lord. I realized that the \*\*"CROSS Model" is not merely a dialogue technique, but a reliable roadmap for walking alongside others, with the Gospel at its core.*

*I was so deeply moved by what I learned in this training, that I immediately began putting it into practice during the fellowship time after Sunday's worship service. By focusing not merely on giving advice, but on asking questions from the perspective of the Gospel, I could tangibly feel a deeper grace flowing through my fellowship with the congregation than ever before, and I am filled with great personal gratitude and joy.*

*As expected, Pastor Esaki's lecture was outstanding, and I learned so much from him. I was also deeply moved by his style and approach of praying at key moments throughout the lectures as needed.*

*I sincerely felt that if I had had a coach like this myself, the ministry work I did when I was younger would have borne even more fruit.*

### Prayer:

Praise that the training went smoothly and created deeper fellowship. Pray that these new coaches will empower church planters, as well as help in church renewal.



KOJI, (LEFT) WITH SIX COACH TRAINEES, TWO TRAINERS, THE CTC JAPAN DIRECTOR, AND STRATEGIC MOVEMENT DIRECTOR

### Marcia's health condition

We asked you to pray for her surgery in May and restoration of a sense of smell, but that is no longer the issue. The biopsy of the nasal tissue and a month of tests revealed a diagnosis of CLL or Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, a slow-growing B-Cell blood cancer. The nasal tissue grew there because of the cancer.

The hematologist first explained it like this: The lymph glands are the police stations, and the lymphocytes are the policemen. The policemen have gone rogue; they have attacked and overrun the police stations, spilling into the outside highways. These mafia-types can't be gotten rid of, but they can be managed.

A BTK inhibitor, taken by daily pills, is the eventual treatment, but a "watch and wait" can also be followed. Inhibitors can have side effects: headache, diarrhea, joint pain, etc., and we have a busy schedule this fall; teaching Christ Centered Preaching in London, our 40th anniversary, and our children coming to visit. With no symptoms now, we will watch and wait. Marcia will have monthly blood tests and then pursue the BTK inhibitor starting next year.

### Prayer:

Pray for Marcia's health. Of course, she would love to have a sense of smell again. She will pursue a diet-regimen that will take spirit-enabled self-control. Please pray for that, and the next treatment.