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When trying to explain how a body operates with CLL, Marcia remembered a time when she was traveling in Italy in the strike-prone 1980's. The metro could be on strike on Sunday between 6 and 8 PM. The intercity trains could be on strike for four days, with each city assigned a different day. The newspapers would print this information, daily, but if the printers were on strike, who knew? All activities were arranged around strikes.

Marcia's body operates like a delivery service prone to strikes. Oxygen doesn't efficiently reach the brain, muscles, and lungs. Every day, and even hourly, she checks in to see what is on strike. Every day is a new calculation. "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

Prayer: As we approach travel dates to London on August 31, and the Christ-Centered Preaching seminar on September 4,5, please pray for Koji's ability and Marcia's strength to connect and encourage the Japanese leaders of churches in England.

On September 13, we will celebrate our 40th anniversary in Scotland. Praise God for his faithfulness in our marriage.

2026 CitytoCity Japan Coaching Network

In February, 2024, we asked you to pray for a dedicated group of 20 coaches to be able to coach the present church planters, and the new church planters that will be trained in October 2026.

The most recently trained six coaches will be added to the already active seven coaches. That gives us 13 coaches. That is slightly less than we had hoped for but we trust that God will multiply their effectiveness, like the loaves and fishes.

The last formal training of the six coaches, that began in April, ended in July. Now they coach a person of their choosing for six sessions.

Praise that we have 13 coaches for 34 church planters. Pray that the new coaches would above all be gospel-centered, and that all coaches would approach their service with commitment and joy.

Coach Introduction for our Presbytery

At a summer retreat, on July 20, Koji gave a one-hour seminar to the local presbytery on some basic techniques of gospel coaching. There seemed to be an interest in hearing more and in spreading this introduction to the wider presbytery. We don't know how God will use this, but the seminar seemed to be a good way to strengthen relationships through the gospel.



Church Yukata Sunday Pyramid Watermelon Osaka Festival Fireworks