

# THE WILLSON'S IN JAPAN

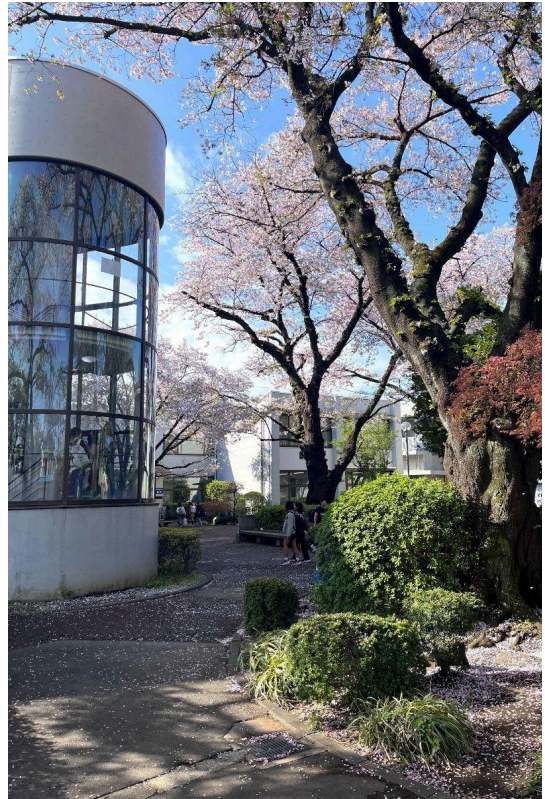


## Greetings from Tokyo!

Spring has arrived in Japan, and the sakura bloomed — a gentle reminder of God's beauty and faithfulness in every season. The warmth is returning, jackets are being put away, and there is a sense of new life all around us.

## Christian Academy

We are thrilled to share that Christian Academy is experiencing record-high enrollment this year. As our student body grows, so does our need for space — and we are grateful for the opportunity to expand. Last summer, we remodeled several elementary classrooms and added two new ones. This coming summer, construction continues: we plan to relocate our business office off campus, which will allow us to create two additional classrooms and a welcoming new reception area. It is a joy to see the Lord bring growth and we desire to be faithful to the vision and mission of the school, "Equipping students to serve Japan and the world for Christ."



## Tokyo Life Church

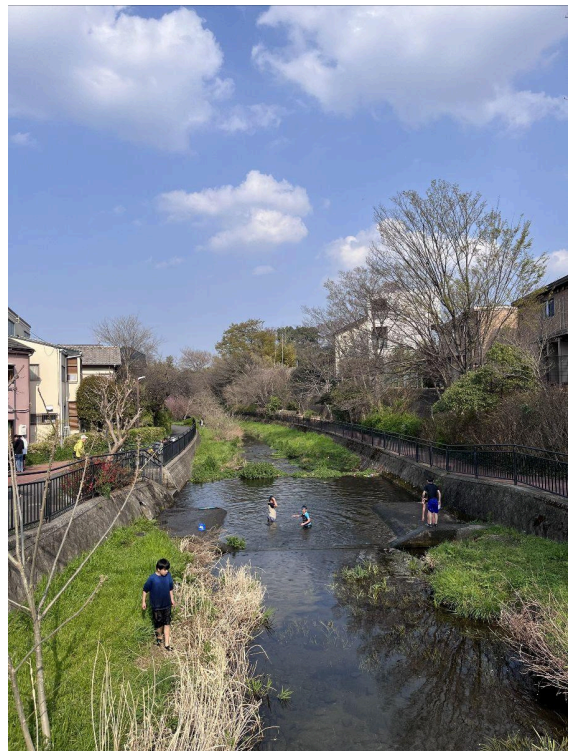
It is hard to believe that Tokyo Life Church is now in its 11th year. What began with just twelve people and a pastoral team in Ikebukuro has grown into a community we treasure deeply. Our building campaign continues, and the high cost of property in Tokyo reminds us daily that this is a journey requiring both faith and patience. Our building committee is actively searching for suitable land or facilities, and above all, we are seeking the Lord's provision and timing. In many ways, this season has been a gift — teaching us what it truly means to wait on Him.

On Easter Sunday we celebrated two baptisms — one a third-generation Chinese young man, the other a teenage girl, who is the daughter of missionaries from the Philippines. Watching these young people take this step of faith was a deep encouragement to our entire congregation.

We are prayerfully planning for how to meet the needs of our multi-generational church community and Jacquie has been meeting with a couple of women to develop a Mentorship Ministry to the growing number of young adults. As a church we believe that young adults need multiple meaningful intergenerational relationships for healthy faith development. We also recognize that bridging cultural and generational barriers is a powerful vehicle for spiritual growth and community formation. With that in mind, a central and distinctive element of this ministry will be church members opening their homes to young adults for shared meals, conversation, and unhurried time together. The challenges we face are consuming work schedules and the distances the young adults will need to travel to gather at another church member's home. Please pray along with us for this new ministry.

## Personal News

On a personal note, we are looking forward to welcoming our granddaughter June when she visits us in May. We are grateful to Rachael and Jackson for the sacrifice they are making to prioritize this trip — it means more to us than words can express.



Jacqueline and I are also beginning to think ahead to our summer home assignment, when we reconnect with many of you. We will be staying with my father in Tillsonburg and are looking forward to meaningful time with family. As our fathers grow older and our mothers are no longer with us, "going home" carries a different weight than it once did. These moments remind us of the unique sacrifices that come with missionary life — and of God's deep and steady faithfulness through every season of it.

## Prayer Requests

- Wisdom and provision for the ongoing campus construction at Christian Academy
- God's guidance as Tokyo Life Church continues its building search and develops the Young Adults Ministry
- Continued spiritual growth for our students and church members
- Safe travels and meaningful connections during our summer home assignment
- Sweet family time with our granddaughter June and her parents, and with loved ones during home assignment



Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your faithful partnership in this ministry. May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care and will.

**With gratitude, Stephen & Jacquie**