

FMWM-Asia makes disciples by *crossing cultures* to **share Jesus**, *pursuing servant partnerships* to **reinforce national leadership**, and *implementing systems* to **cultivate flourishing Free Methodist Churches**.



Feb. 24.2024 Re-elected Bishop Ichiro Baba (second from left) and his newly elected Board of Bishops, included four pastors and two layiety.

## Hi Friends,

We hope this update finds you well. We are sending this to you from Japan on February 29th a date we only see on a leap year!

We are always delighted to share with you what the Lord is doing. This month, we turning the spotlight on Japan. We have provided the video update in English and Japanese. Enjoy watching!

One thing we have not shared is that we disciple several Japanese young

people every week. We will have more news to share about this in a few months.

https://youtu.be/8U9onJWamfw (English) https://youtu.be/LgfW0B0oNqQ (Japanese)

For those of you who want to go down a rabbit hole and learn more about Christianity in Japan. Here is an excellent short series done by *Radical*.

- 1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlc6H8H9 pg&t=2s
- 2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvxjG5wGVcY
- 3. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-BNKFDZ-pA

We are so thankful for your friendship and continuing partnership with us as we invest in leaders in Asia.

Take care, Gene & Minori

## Praises

- 1. The Japan FM Conference held its 67th General Conference this past weekend. Praise God for the faithful leaders who serve the Lord tirelessly.
- 2. Praise God for Gene's finishing of the discipleship curriculum for new believers.

It's currently being illustrated and looking great!

## Requests

- 1. Please continue to pray for the discipleship project in S.E. Asia. Pray for God's wisdom, direction, and unity for the team as we move forward. Pray for the upcoming in-person training with the team in March.
- 2. Pray for God's protection and encouragement over Minori's parents. Minori's mother turned 86 in January and father 87 in February.

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