



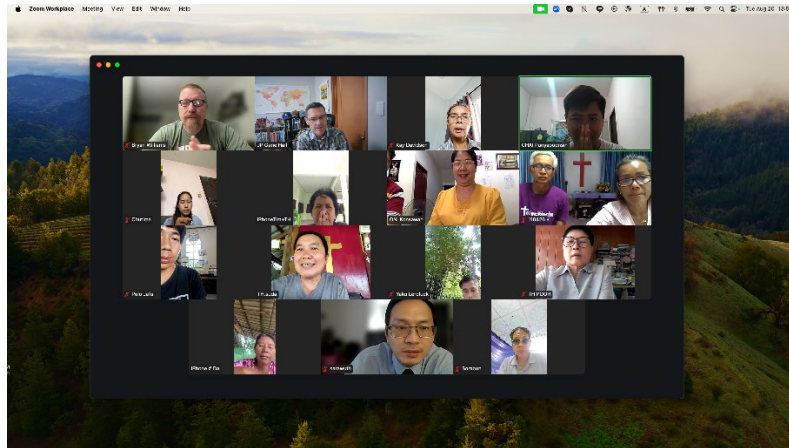
FMWM-Asia makes disciples by *crossing cultures* to **share Jesus**, *pursuing servant partnerships* to **reinforce national leadership**, and *implementing systems* to **cultivate flourishing Free Methodist Churches**.



Gene just led the *Leadership in the Local Church* module with our friends in this creative access country (PN). The training was on Zoom, 7 hours each day. Gene had to encourage participants to take breaks, as they were so eager to learn. These beautiful and precious brothers and sisters love Jesus and have a heart for those yet to hear the Gospel. Despite the opposition, they have a burden and are committed to reaching people for Christ.



In July, we were joined by our friend, Stephanie Gradey, from Detroit, Michigan. This was Stephanie's first visit to Japan in 38 years when she first came on a short-term mission as an English teacher for two years in the Osaka area! She braved the summer heat of Japan. We enjoyed meals and worshipping together during her visit. Japan has remained in her heart and prayers even after all these years.



Gene just wrapped up two weeks of training in Thailand, *Wesleyan History and Theology*. Thailand is the smallest country we train in, with 15 leaders and yet they continue to grow leaps and bounds. Year to date, they have led 401 people to Christ and baptized 83. They have planted three new churches! For our friends there, training isn't about gaining more knowledge but taking that knowledge and applying it to their lives, their families, their churches, and to reaching others for Jesus.

Hi Friends!

The summer is drawing to a close as we shift to school and work routines.

Here is our update for August: https://youtu.be/9BUXQE_Bb5k

Thank you for partnering with us these past five years.

With all our love in Christ,

Gene & Minori

Praises:

Praise God for the past five years guided by his love, grace, and joy. The Lord provided abundantly, enabling us to train fruitful and faithful leaders throughout South East Asia.

Praise God for all of you, our partners who faithfully pray and support our work in Japan and S.E. Asia.

Prayers:

Please pray for the over 62 leaders in PN who finished the Leadership in the Local Church module in August. It was Gene's first time training with leaders in this country. Pray that they are enabled to carry out the call God has placed on them to share the Gospel in unique ways and settings.

Please pray for God's wisdom, strength, and direction as we serve in [Southeast](#) and Japan. Pray especially, that we can invest even more into young Japanese men and women for the Gospel's sake.

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