



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 preached at Machida Free Methodist Church in Tokyo, followed by coffee friends: the young man in front and his girlfriend became members that Sunday. Also pictured are Chris and Yuko Wilkins (our colleagues), along with Pastor Ikumi, who was recently ordained.



This is the Tomigaoka Church family in Nara, which was planted about 35 years ago by a British missionary. Every time we visit, we are met with warm, friendly, and joy-filled hospitality. The woman in the blue sweatshirt (pictured in the center) shared that her husband, at the age of 91, professed faith in Christ and was just baptized. We praise God for His patient mercies.



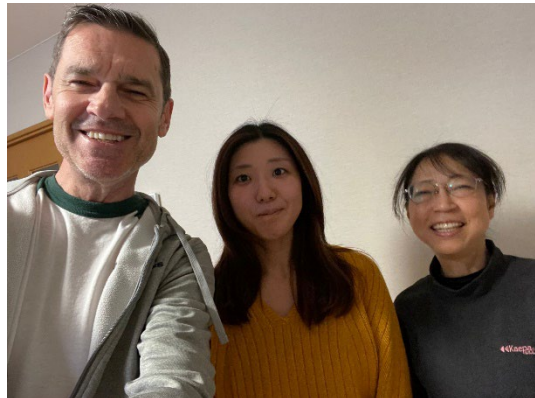
Left: A wonderful meeting with our dear friends, Yoichi and Patty, whom we've connected with on Zoom for many years for Bible study and mutual encouragement.



Right: Enjoying lunch with new friends in Tokyo, Pastor Kevin and Kaori, along with Lynn and Pam Chang from Peninsula Hope Church in Redwood City. We had a brief but meaningful time getting acquainted and discussing future ministry opportunities in Japan.



Left: We had the pleasure of meeting Ariana from Michigan, who recently moved to the Kyoto area to work for a Japanese company. Matthew Ko (far left), originally from Hong Kong, just completed a year of Japanese language studies and has relocated to Yokohama for music school. We made the most of our time together by attending church, sharing lunch, and, of course, enjoying Starbucks coffee.



Right: We had a young woman over for Mexican food, a food hard to find in Japan. She is a dedicated young professional who loves Jesus and serves her church as a talented piano player.



Left: During Gene's visit to Tokyo, Chris Wilkins got him to step out of his comfort zone and join him in his usual routine of playing Christian music near train stations.



Right: We had a handful of people stop by. One man, Mr. Arakawa (pictured left), approached us, sang with Chris for a while, and then offered us 1000 Yen, which Gene unsuccessfully declined. After leaving, he returned with dessert for us—such a thoughtful gesture! This time, he stood next to Chris, clapped, and sang along. Please keep Mr. Arakawa in your prayers. As we watched hundreds of people pass by and met those who stopped, Gene was deeply moved by the love and heart of God for these precious individuals.



Gene's discipleship work is expanding to help countries throughout S.E. Asia create a template for making disciples that all churches will use to root new believers in their walk with Christ.

Hi Friends,

Greetings in Christ.

Here is our March update. We wanted to show you some footage of the cherry blossoms (sakura) however cooler weather has postponed their arrival in Osaka.

Keep watch for a special "Sakura video" soon!

<https://youtube.com/shorts/dOavTjZ4tFI>

Thank you for your friendship and partnership in the Gospel in Japan and S.E. Asia.

Gene & Minori

Praises:

1. Sister On, wife of the Superintendent of Thailand, is recovering well at home after spending several weeks in the hospital. We thank God for His healing touch and sincerely appreciate your prayers on her behalf.
2. Thank you for your prayers for Mr. Okuda, Minori's father. After a few bumps and bruises, he is settling in well at his new home in the assisted living facility. Aging can be challenging, but we are grateful for God's constant and loving care over him. This brings peace of mind to Minori's mother and us as well.

Prayer:

1. Gene will soon begin teaching two classes—one in a creative access country in Asia and the other with students from Asia, Africa, and the U.S. Please pray that God empowers Gene to teach effectively and that the students acquire valuable knowledge and tools that can transform their lives, their families, and the communities they serve in ministry.
2. Please join us in prayer for Myanmar and Thailand as they focus on the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the quake.