



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 kicked off April with training in Cambodia via Zoom. The Spiritual Formation 2 module focuses on leaders empowering leaders in life, work, and ministry. We have many young up-and-coming leaders who are eager to serve Jesus. (This photo was from the last time Gene trained in person.)



We took Minori's mother to her church on Easter Sunday. It happens to be the church where we were married 31 years ago. We sat next to the organist who did the flower arrangements for our wedding. It is wonderful to see her still serving the Lord faithfully.



On Easter Sunday afternoon, we attended a special service at the cemetery plot of Minori's family church. This service is a tradition observed by churches throughout Japan on Easter. In Japan, it is customary for people to be cremated, and churches typically purchase one large plot where their members are laid to rest. The urns are located slightly underground, accessible by stairs.



Left: On April 27th, we had the privilege of speaking at Kakogawa Church, marking one year since our last visit with Honda Sensei, his wife Yayoi, and the warm church family. After the service, we shared lunch and provided discussion questions related to the message. Several people approached us to express how meaningful the service and small group time had been for them.

Right: At lunch, the children came to say "hi," and we couldn't resist taking a photo with them. They're all so adorable!

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,

We trust you are doing well! Here is our April update.

English and Japanese: <https://youtu.be/hTwpyTNpnwA>

Thank you for walking alongside us in Japan and Southeast Asia.

With all our love in Christ,

Gene & Minori

Praises:

1. Praise God—Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We are deeply grateful for all that Jesus accomplished for us on the cross, and for the power of His resurrection, which gives us new life, lasting hope, and victory over sin and death. Because He lives, we are empowered to walk onward and upward with Him each day!
2. Praise the Lord, we received word that all our friends in Myanmar are safe and sound. They are busy helping with the cleanup efforts.

Prayer :

1. Gene begins his travel season in May, visiting the U.S. and several Southeast Asia countries. Please pray for smooth meetings, effective training, and God's protection.
2. Please lift up our leaders in Southeast Asia as they navigate many challenges while striving to live faithfully for Christ and boldly share the Gospel.

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