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*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19.*

## TSM at a Glance

- Fruitful ten-week home assignment, visiting 15 churches and 20 individual supporters. Saw John's 94-year-old father and our son Yutaka, his wife Amy and our three-year-old grandsons, Oscar and Arlo.
- Helped staff Church Planting Institute's (CPI) Consulting Center late in October in Saitama. Eleven of us met with 100 clients. I personally met with 14 front line workers. I co-led a seminar on Soul Care for 50 leaders (picture at upper right). CPI had their biggest attendance with 640 individuals.
- Preached at Saikyo Hope Chapel's 20th anniversary service on November 12th.
- Networked with pastors and a publisher about writing a book on leadership transitions in Japan.

## Investing in Planters

Christmas greetings from cool and crisp Sendai.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and financial support in 2017!

Investing in those who spread the gospel and plant churches is integral to ministry anywhere, but particularly in Japan, which is the second largest unreached people group in the world. Helping over sixty church leaders to be whole, holy and missional at the Church Planting Institute last month through coaching and training, was a great joy. Attending the 20th anniversary of Saikyo Hope Chapel, where Joshua Hari is pastor, and a church



we planted in 1997, was so encouraging to Eriko and me.

Over these past 20 years, 58 people have trusted in Christ and were baptized, and the church is planting three house churches.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For clear focus for preaching, seminars, retreats, teaching and individual mentoring and counseling responsibilities.
- For funds to come in for the multi-purpose sports court.
- For diligence to write a book on ministry transitions in Japan.
- For resiliency for Pastor Masanori Kuba at Hokushin Calvary Church.
- For the Hokushin church planting team.

**H**okushin Calvary Church in Fukushima city, is planting as well. They are planting a church as we shared in August, but they are also planting the gospel in the hearts of the next generation. They are building a multi-purpose sports court on their property to impact the youth of their community. We have set up a Muti-Purpose Sports Court Special Project to help fund this. Please e-mail us if you would like to see the promotional video. Hokushin is a thriving church with over 20% of its 70 attendees under twenty years of age. It is the largest church in Fukushima City, with a population of over 300,000. The youth make lunch once a month to help raise funds for this. So far, nearly \$3000 has been raised towards their goal of \$10,000. Would you like to make a year-end extra gift to help with this? We enclose an insert and a self-addressed envelope to help you do this. Simply send a gift as explained below and put "Sports Court" on the memo.

We have inclosed our latest prayer card as well.

Have a joyous Christmas!

*John and Eriko*

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