

## JEMS Nichigo Coordinator Minako Fujimoto

“...faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ”

(Romans 10:17 ESV)

Praise the Lord

God was so faithful in summer of 2018. Through your prayers and financial support, God’s word was shared with over 300 children in different parts of Japan

### Reaching Elementary Students with South Bay Community Church

From July 14 to 28, I was on a six-member team from South Bay Community Church (SBCC) in Southern California. We were blessed to lead three Vacation Bible Schools at three churches and held Mommy-and-Me classes at one of three churches. The churches were Kawasaki Christ Church in Kawasaki, Machida Christian Center near Tokyo, and Highashi-Tosuga Christ Church in Yokohama. At each church, we were able to share Bible stories, played games and worship in Japanese and English with about 170 kids in total.

The children were little shy at first, but by the 4<sup>th</sup> day the kids were laughing because really enjoyed the VBS program and told us they wanted to come back. While we were there, members from the host church made us meals and during our breaks took us on sightseeing trips. We are so grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality we received from the various churches in Japan. It was such a joy to work with the SBCC Mission team. Even though for most of the team members it was their first overseas mission trip and none of them spoke Japanese, we were able to work together to show God’s love to the people we met in Japan. I truly felt this trip was part of God’s sovereign plan. The churches we visited asked us to come back next year. My prayer request is that God will allow the seeds planted on this trip to grow through the relationships between SBCC and the churches in Japan.

### Reaching Children through JEMS Missionary Team at “Buttobe” Camp

After working with the SBCC team on July 28<sup>th</sup>, I traveled to a camp ground near Nagano to join the JEMS Missionary Team on July 29<sup>th</sup> at a 4-day Christian Summer Camp sponsored by the Jesus Family Organization in Machida. The camp had more than 150 elementary school age campers with high-energy Christian worship and activities. The JEMS team was there to support the camp staff by serving in the camp’s kitchen. We served the campers by helping prepare, serve, and clean up after each meal. The camp ended on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### MEBIG SEMINAR

While in Japan, I was able to meet with Pastor Uchikoshi at the Airin Christ Chapel about the upcoming MEBIG Seminar. MEBIG is a Sunday School Program designed to build long-term relationships with Japanese-Speaking students from Kindergarten through High School. Pastor Uchikoshi will be visiting the US from October 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> and will be speaking about the MEBIG Program. In October, MEBIG Seminars will be held at various churches in California and along the East Coast.



VBS at Kawasaki Christ Church



JEMS Nagano & Nagoya Short-term mission Teams

### Prayer requests

- ❖ Please pray for the participants at the various MEBIG Seminars and that the event will be fruitful. Also, please pray for an opportunity to start a MEBIG program here in the US.
- ❖ Please pray that God will lead us to build more relationships between churches in the U.S and Japan.
- ❖ Please pray that God will continue blessing the Nichigo ministry with your financial support and prayers as a JEMS Nichigo Coordinator.