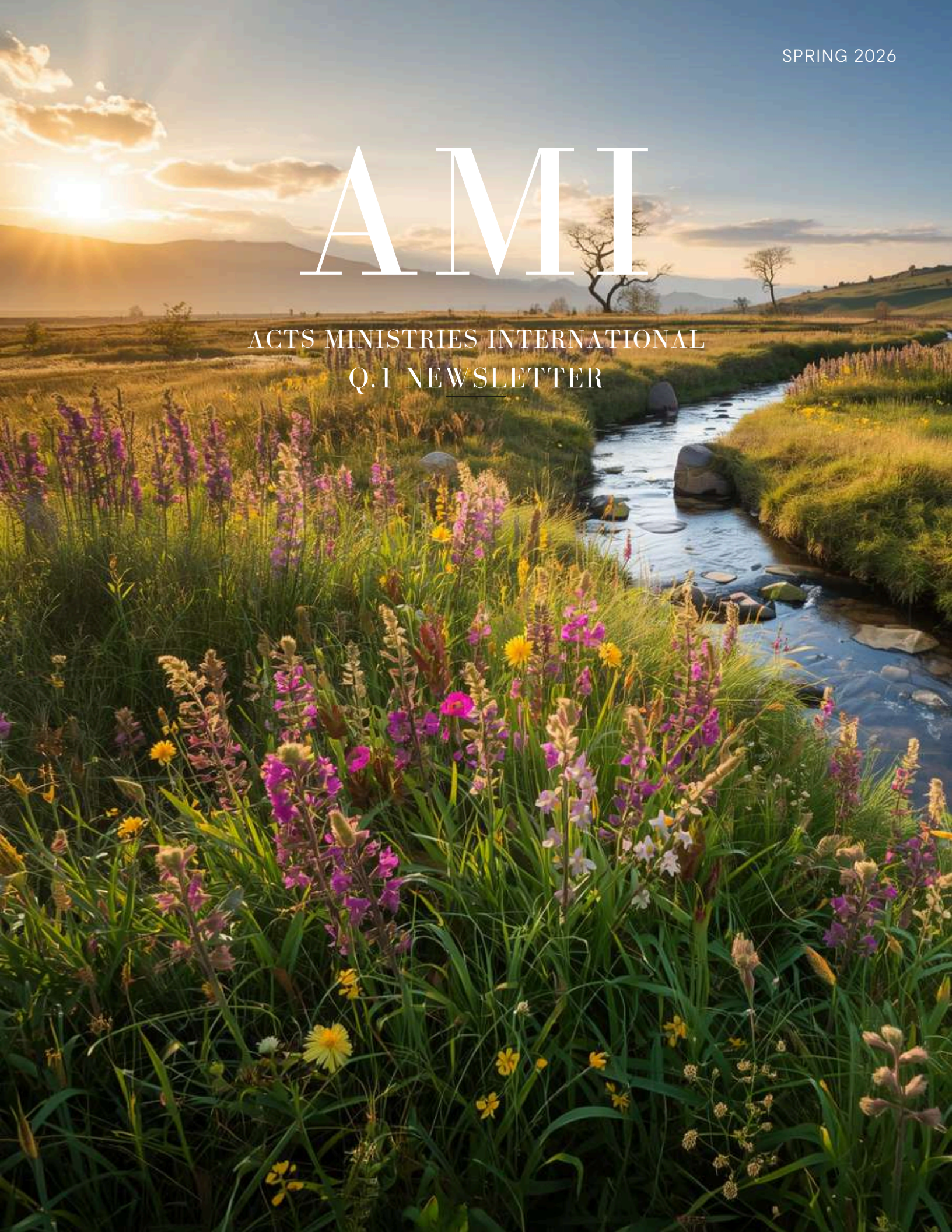


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ACTS MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
Q.1 NEWSLETTER





Acts Ministries International

We are a global community of churches seeking to model the spirituality, vision, and partnership exemplified in the book of Acts. We are committed to developing disciples of Christ within our churches and spreading the gospel message through church planting and missions.





Staff meeting with new Administrative member



NLC's fourth congregation

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- This year, NLC's focus is on discipleship and evangelism. Please pray that God will give us wisdom.
- Inner Healing training by the COS team in March, asking the Holy Spirit to transform hearts and bring growth to the church.
- New administrative staff member joined us in January 2026, asking for wisdom for the staff team to manage the church by God's will.
- May the Holy Spirit fill the fourth congregation of NLC with joy and the power to share the Gospel, so that the church may grow.

Pastor R.L.



PRAISE /PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Many new students have joined this semester and are open to both faith and fellowship. Pray that the Holy Spirit would stir a deep hunger for Jesus, truth, and the meaning of life, so the gospel truly reaches their hearts.
- We are seeing increasing cases of depression and even suicidal thoughts among students, along with negative views toward God and life. Pray that Jesus would break the power of darkness and bring deep, holistic healing.
- Our leaders have recently received various trainings. Pray that we would not only learn well but also apply it faithfully in serving the church.
- Please pray for the safety of our meeting venue. Soundproofing is a major challenge, and there is currently no clear solution. Ask for God's protection and covering over our gatherings.

Open Mic Concert in our office courtyard



PRAISE REPORTS:

- Our pianist friend entered the country without issue, and over 110 people attended the music event (far exceeding our goal of 60-80). By God's grace, it was a fruitful time—musicians were encouraged, and we are continuing follow-up.
- The young woman I mentioned has been exploring the faith through one-on-one Alpha and attending larger gatherings. She has since accepted Christ—please pray that she would be quickly connected and rooted in the church (RCC).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- New Believer: Pray she would be warmly integrated into the church and experience God's love in community.
- Seekers: Pray regular attendees would consider following Christ after hearing her testimony.
- Events (4/30 & 6/27): Pray for performers, strong relationships, and that these gatherings would draw people to Christ.
- Song Recording: Pray for open doors to receive permission to record the translated song and share it widely.
- Social Media: Pray for wisdom as we build a platform to organize music and art events.

Meet Missionary JW

Sent out in 2025 from NLC, she is currently serving in the Western Asia region, ministering to young adults.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for God's protection and safety in transportation as I plan to return to the plateau at the end of March. It will still be winter there.
- Pray that during the Easter gathering, brothers and sisters will experience God through prayer, be built up in faith through His Word, and that their hearts will encounter the power of the risen Jesus Christ.
- Pray that more T people will hear the gospel—that God's light will shine into the darkness and that they may recognize Jesus as the one and only Savior.

Servant Leadership



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for the married couples in our church—that they would not only hear biblical truth but actively apply it in their daily lives, growing in love, unity, and Christ-centered relationships.
- Please pray for our church as it continues to grow—that we would be intentional in discipling others and raising up faithful, servant-hearted leaders who are equipped to guide and care for the community.
- Please pray for Annie and me—as we care for and manage the needs of our four children, we have been feeling increasingly physically tired. Pray for renewed strength, endurance, and grace as we seek to serve our family well.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for Sister T. She has a calling for long-term missions. May God lead her clearly, equip her spiritually and practically, and prepare the right timing and opportunities for her to step into this calling.
- Please pray for the goals of PVD this year. May we build our lives firmly upon God's Word, growing in truth, obedience, and spiritual maturity as a church community.
- Please pray for the upcoming Easter and the fasting week next week. May God bring many new friends among us, and may they come to know Him through the various activities and gatherings.



PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for our Bible study group as we study the Gospel of Mark with new friends. Three are new believers, and others are open and seeking to know Jesus—please pray for their continued growth in faith.
- We thank God for leading us into a season of serving families. Some young couples have committed to RCC, while others are preparing for marriage or are newly married. In March, we started two family groups and began offering premarital counseling. Please pray that my wife and I would have wisdom and love as we walk with these families.
- Please also pray for our pre-Easter week of fasting and prayer, that the RCC family would grow in humility, seek God’s will, and reflect the heart of Jesus in serving and blessing others.

Pastor Jonathan & Stephanie Moon
Elder John & Eunran Kim



Iglesia La Gracia's Ministry Fair

PRAISE REPORTS:

- We can't believe we're already more than halfway through the school year! While this season has been challenging, it has also been vital as we lay a strong administrative foundation and raise up leaders for the sustainability of our growing school.
- We recently held a ministry fair where over 50 people signed up to serve. It has been so encouraging to see new leaders step up and ministries grow with passion.
- We've also launched an English Academy called Elevate to meet the increasing demand for English education, with a focus on training and equipping local teachers for long-term impact. Please pray for both our students (kids and adults) and teachers as we begin this new program.

Pastor Katey Erickson & Luix Xuc



AMI Academy Students



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our International School is actively working through the Cognia accreditation process, which will allow us to offer an accredited dual diploma and expand future opportunities for our students.
- Please be praying for favor as we go through the accreditation process.
- AMI Academy, our after school program for the local community is back up and running for the school year. Please pray for the kids as we not only support them academically but also spiritually. A lot of our kids come from broken homes and have been seeking us out to talk about their struggles and worries.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Pastor Alessandro & Allison Di Leonardo

CISTERNA
DI LATINA,
ITALY

PRAISE REPORTS:

- We held our annual leaders meeting and are thankful to welcome three new leaders; the retreat focused on the theme of team.
- We hosted our third Night to Shine, honoring individuals with special needs—bringing great joy and opening doors for meaningful spiritual conversations.
- We are seeing God answer our prayer to become a more international church, with increasing diversity in our congregation, including more attendees from various ethnic backgrounds such as Italians.



Living Word Congregation



Staff Leaders Retreat

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for our health—this winter has brought ongoing sickness.
- Pray for an opportunity to start an English course for children in June.
- Pray for the salvation of those attending Sunday services who have not yet entered into a relationship with the Lord.

ONE HOPE CHURCH

Pastor Won & Hope Kim

JAKARTA,
INDONESIA



Friday Night Prayer

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- We are looking for a new venue that we can use throughout the week as opposed to renting just on Sundays.
- We will be having our first church-wide retreat in a few months, and Pastor Sam from Catalyst will be speaking. We ask that the Holy Spirit not only lead the retreat but also fill all those who attend. We also pray against spiritual forces that will be working to derail this retreat.
- We're making efforts to connect with local universities and involved Christians, who already attend and use a platform to evangelize within the campus.
- In April, an STM team from Church of Southland will be developing worship through a music workshop.



Fellowship post worship

Pastor Jonedy & Anna Umboh

Baptism Candidates – Stepping into New Life in Christ



PRAISE REPORT:

- There are 9 people who have committed to be baptized.
- We are focusing on strengthening our cell groups.
- We are thankful to celebrate the second anniversary of the church we planted near a garbage dump, about 30 minutes from the city of Pekanbaru.
- In order to build relationships and reach out to the Muslim community, we took advantage of Eid al-Fitr by organizing a low-cost market specifically for Muslims. The event was very well received by the Muslim community and opened opportunities to share the Good News.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Indonesia, that in the midst of social and economic hardships, there will be a growing hunger for the truth.
- Pray for church planting in Jakarta and surrounding areas, that God will open doors and provide for every need.
- Pastor Jonedy recently completed 18 days of prayer and fasting, during which he sensed that the world is entering a time of harvest, as a hunger for God is spreading globally. May God send many laborers.
- Pray for provision for the orphanage, as the cost of basic necessities continues to rise.
- Pray for our family and personal lives, that God would grant strength, health, and provision.

CHURCH PLANT

TOKYO, JAPAN

Pastor Jason & Jessica Sato



Valentine's Event with Families



Team Lunch with Eunmi & Min



PRAISE REPORT & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Thank you so much for your prayers for Eunmi! Please continue to pray that God will use her experience to show His love to her and all of her friends and family.
- We'll host a short-term team in April to do university student outreach. Please pray for divine appointments and that our student group would be blessed.
- Recently, God has been opening doors with local families. Please pray God can touch their hearts through our upcoming events including Easter.
- We'll host our second seeker retreat at the end of June. Please pray God would draw our people and for the Spirit's anointing.

GRACE COVENANT CHURCH

SINGAPORE

Pastor Paul & Alisa Liu

PRAISE REPORTS:

- **RETREAT:** We recently held our annual church retreat in Bintan, Indonesia—a meaningful time of worship and fellowship. Our speaker, P. Sung, challenged us to seek first God’s kingdom rather than temporary treasures.
- **CHANGING LOCATIONS:** Our Sunday worship venue suddenly closed without notice, giving us only 5 days to find a new space. By God’s provision, we secured a new venue that met all our needs within just 3 hours. Praise God!
- **TRANSITIONS:** Our staff team is entering a season of transition as Joel and Tiffany move back to America, and P. Paul’s second daughter prepares to attend college in the U.S.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Transitions: Pray for resilience and guidance as the church prepares for staff transitions— for vision and provision for those who are leaving, and for God to raise up new local leaders.

Deacons: Pray that God would empower the nine new deacons to embrace their responsibilities, minister with compassion, and serve as unifiers within the church.

Youth: Pray for the teenagers leading one (and potentially two) life groups to personally encounter Christ and grow in faith as they guide their peers.

THRIVE CHURCH

Pastor David & Grace Son

TAIPEI,
TAIWAN

PRAISE REPORTS:

We just had our congregational retreat; it was a huge blessing. Many people experienced breakthroughs, encountered God, and drew closer to the community. Pastor Paul from GCCS came to preach, and we were extremely blessed! After the retreat, we had a wave of new people step up to serve on our leadership team. We are very excited to see that God is continually raising up people within Thrive Church.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Two of our leaders are preparing to leave their jobs and begin seminary for full-time ministry. Please pray for their training and growth, both through our church and in seminary.
- Our current lease ends in December. Please pray for God's wisdom as we seek either a new space twice the size or an additional floor in our current building.
- Our fourth baby (another boy!) is due in July—please pray for our family as we prepare for this new season with greater energy and love.
- We are preparing for the summer STM team from Symphony in May. Please pray for open hearts among college students and young adults in Taipei and for 50 seekers to join the ALPHA course following STM.

RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

HAI PHONG,
VIETNAM

Pastor Tina & Anthony Pham



Spring Weekly Fellowship



International Women's Day



PRAISE REPORTS:

- Our members hosted a Valentine's Day Party on February 8 before Lunar New Year, with 50 attendees including 7 non-Christian guests. Some members shared testimonies, and we introduced our English Club.
- Our English Club is continuing from March to May, with about 8–10 people attending weekly, including both church members and unbelievers.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for five new believers to grow in a strong foundation of faith and be ready for baptism this year.
- Pray for our outreach event on May 16, partnering with Church of Southland Anaheim, as we host a café night for our English club students.
- Pray for deeper connections with unbelievers—that we would build meaningful bridges leading them to the church.

Pastor Phi & Mai Tran

PRAISE REPORTS:

- By God's grace, we reopened our children's class (Mon/Wed), sharing Bible stories and God's love through classes, "Happy Day" events, and upcoming VBS.
- Our adult English program formed a new teacher/TA team and curriculum, leading to improved consistency and increased weekly attendance.
- We hosted two International Women's Day events, where men served the women, fostering meaningful fellowship. Through games, a flower workshop, and a talk on love and marriage, it was a special time to build community and reflect Christ's love.



Men preparing to bless the women of NS



Missionaries John & Ruth
Lee



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for good preparation for the summer season, including children's, teens, and young adults camps with the AMI STM teams, as we expect God to move powerfully.
- Pray for a loving, relational community to grow through our English classes, as students connect more deeply with church members.
- Pray for blessings over Pastor Davey, Pastor Trina, John, and Ruth as they continue adjusting to life in Ho Chi Minh City.

PAUL CHURCH

Pastor Loc & Hoa Nguyen

HO CHI MINH CITY,
VIETNAM

PRAISE REPORTS:

- Our first E.G. discipleship launched on Feb 28 with 9 participants, led by P. Trina and Davey.
- A children's ministry outing welcomed 25 children (including 4 new friends) and helped connect non-believing parents with church members.
- Our Lunar New Year celebration gathered 25 adults, 8 youth, and 13 children, strengthening fellowship in a warm and joyful atmosphere.
- The "Family Matters" seminar drew strong participation (including many non-believing friends), with engaging activities and encouraging teaching that built up participants' faith.



Lunar New Year Celebration



1st EG Discipleship Class



Family Seminar

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the Easter outreach on April 5—that visitors would encounter God's love and accept Jesus as their Savior.
- Pray for Vacation Bible School (June 8–10)—for the STM team, teachers, and children, that it would be impactful and well-supported.
- Pray for the Experience God (E.G.) discipleship—that all 9 participants would complete the course and grow in a deeper, renewed walk with God.

REVIVAL CHURCH

Pastor Phuong Truong & Vinh Nguyen

HO CHI MINH CITY,
VIETNAM



Revival Church



PRAISE REPORTS:

- We invited about 100 people to church and join events: cooking and eating, year-end party, Tet holiday, and food festival.
- The surrounding community holds a positive view of Revival Church.
- New believers: 7 adults and 4 kids

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Revival members grow in their relationship with God and are equipped to serve Him and the community.
- Build and strengthen a core team of staff committed to serving God together.
- Focus on discipleship and raising up the next generation to serve God.
- Seek God's guidance in developing outreach ministries to share the Gospel.
- Provide financial support for facility rental, staff, and ministry operations.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for their continued settling in Ho Chi Minh City so that they would experience God's peace, provision, and guidance.
- Pray for the E.G. discipleship courses at Revival Church (Fri) and Paul Church (Sat), and for Trina as she teaches—that there would be meaningful growth and transformation for all participants.
- Pray for Davey as he counsels two couples in marriage preparation—that he would have wisdom and that the couples would be strengthened in Christ.

MISSIONARIES

John & Ruth Lee

HO CHI MINH CITY,
VIETNAM

Meet the Lees

Missionaries John and Ruth Lee were sent out in 2026 by Canvas Church and Church of Southland Chino. They will be serving at the AMI Center in Vietnam, where they will faithfully minister and support the work of the center.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Continued growth and increasing fluency in Vietnamese as we transition to university study for a more immersive learning environment.
- Deeper relationships with the people we are meeting that would grow into something genuine and lasting.
- Humility and wisdom in learning the culture and customs that we would listen well, honor, and love the Vietnamese people in how we live and interact.
- Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and discernment in when to speak, when to listen, and how to share the Gospel with boldness and love.
- Physical safety and protection as we move around the city.
- For the local churches, we could come alongside, encourage, and build up what God is already doing there.

1 YR INTERN UPDATES

“What is one realization or revelation that God showed you about Himself, people or His kingdom during your internship so far?”

What is your favorite memory while serving during your 1YR?”



AMI provides 1-year internships for young adults to serve alongside missionaries sent out by AMI, so that they may see God's global purpose at work and develop a lifestyle in line with God's mission.

The Blessing Church

AJ *Masanobu*

Tokyo, Japan



01.

One revelation God has showed me is that prayer is the real work as a Christian. We cannot convince people or charm people into our faith. God must open their eyes and we must petition to God in prayers. God has revealed how powerful prayer really is and I have a new found a new found appreciation for the prayer.

02.

My favorite memory while serving during my 1 YR was when a Short Term Mission Team from Kairos and Pillar Church came to help our team in Tokyo for our Christmas events. I felt like God was showing me a glimpse of how an AMI church could look like in Tokyo.

Church of Southland, Anaheim

Anna Smith

Cobán, Guatemala



01.

God has really revealed a lot to me about the different misconceptions I had about Him and myself, mainly regarding Him as my Father. There are a lot of things I thought I understood well, but through the entire experience of applying for 1YR to now, God has been dismantling so many lies I've bought into. In so many ways in this past year, God has reaffirmed for me time and time again how much he cares about me as His child. Everything from getting to teach middle school English here to even getting to be an intern in the first place has really shown me how much God loves me as His daughter. I've been so deeply blessed by everything He has gifted me.

02.

My highlight every week is always my middle school students. They are so funny and such a joy to get to spend time with. We started a Youth Group ministry at the school for them, and it has been a massive blessing getting to spend more time with them and see more of how God is working in their lives. During our small group time, I have been so impressed by the things that they share. They are truly such a gift and the best part of it all.

Remnant Westside Church

Amy Tan

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



There were many times I had to step into ministry situations that felt out of sync with my personal walk with God, choosing to surrender my heart, mind, and body to what He had placed before me. Through this, I've been learning that God can use even the smallest acts of faithfulness and obedience—things that may seem insignificant or not make sense—because who am I to define the “bigger picture”? I've been reminded that God is working in others' lives through me, even when I don't see it. He is greater than my shortcomings, insecurities, misunderstandings in ministry, and even the generational patterns shaping people's lives. God is still bigger and still at work, and that gives me hope and joy in where He has placed me.

01.

Related to God using our smallest acts of faithfulness and obedience—not necessarily a favorite, but a core memory from 1YR —this happened early on and was exactly the encouragement my co-intern Kezia and I needed. For the first third of our internship, we were unsure if HCMC would be our placement for the full year. One of our interim tasks was teaching conversational English at Revival Church to young adults with little to no English experience. As untrained teachers, it felt like an insurmountable task, especially with limited time. We started with simple vocabulary, aiming to build relationships through conversation.

02.

In October 2025, during a visit from AMI pastors, we attended a worship night at Revival Church and heard our students sing a worship song in English for the first time. Kezia and I literally squealed and jumped for joy in the middle of worship. I was deeply humbled by God's goodness and faithfulness—not only to our students, but also in His love, grace, and comforting presence in allowing me to see even a small glimpse of fruit in a season of doubt and uncertainty.



Tapestry Church

Daniel Park

**Ho Chi Minh City,
Vietnam**



01.

God has shown me how many talents he has given me, and i want to try my best to work hard and multiply them. I do not want wasted potential.

02.

A lot of friends who are new to church have been coming out to church on Sundays! This is my favorite memory because God is really using the power of friendship to expose people to Christ!

Tapestry Church

Issac Kim

Cobán, Guatemala



01.

Hanging out with the local leaders and students in Cobán. I have loved getting to know and having fun with our local Guatemalans and also improving my Spanish! It's been such a pleasure getting to know each of them.

02.

People are designed uniquely and differently to contribute to God's mission work in multifaceted ways. As someone who is gifted in building relationships and community, I tried to fit myself into being someone that I'm not for the first half of the internship as someone who is gifted in administrative and logistical gifts. I realized that although it is good to be proactive in developing my weaknesses (administration and logistics) I have been given different giftings from God, and I should lean into how God uniquely made me. For the last fourth of the internship, I hope to utilize my unique giftings to contribute to God's mission work in Cobán and encourage my peers and locals to also use their gifts to serve Jesus.

Radiance Church

Jasper Wu

**Ho Chi Minh City,
Vietnam**



01.

One thing God has been showing me during this internship is how real and deep His love truly is. Growing up, I often heard “God loves you,” but over time, it became something I was numb to. During 1YR, God has been revealing His love to me and for His people. I’ve experienced it through the care of people here in Vietnam and through those back home at Radiance who continually pray for and support me. His love now feels personal—not just something I say, but something I’m experiencing.

I’ve also seen His love for the people here, and how He fills us so we can love others. It’s been a reminder that His love is meant to flow through me. This has challenged me to be more intentional in showing care and to see people as God sees them.

02.

My favorite memory was serving at the local orphanage. There was something so special about being there and seeing how joyful the children were. Even with the language barrier, we connected deeply—playing games, singing, and having fun together. Despite having very little, they were full of joy because they knew God.

Their childlike faith reminded me of why I wanted to do 1YR in the first place. I felt God’s love so strongly and realized that the love I had for them was only a small glimpse of His unconditional love. It was such a pure and sweet moment that I will never forget.

Tapestry Church

Jordyn Lee

Jakarta, Indonesia



01.

My favorite memory is discovering more and more about the depth of the grace and love of God, especially through others. I couldn't pick one memory as my favorite, but each time that I have gotten to recognize a new truth from God, to see a glimpse of who He truly is, I experience a step towards freedom, joy, and life. So, I feel like even though I don't have a favorite memory from this internship, I can thank God for this year in its entirety.

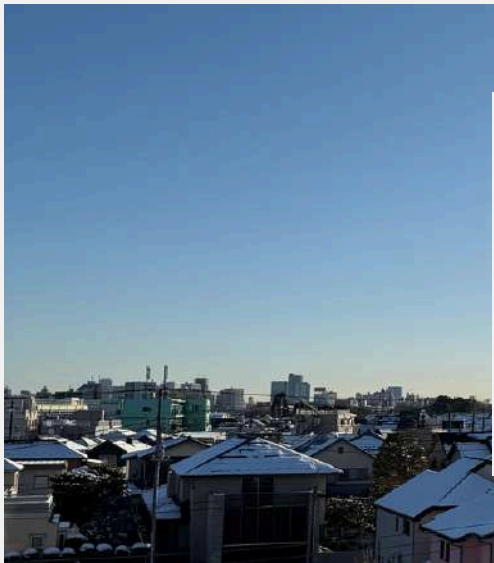
02.

One thing God has shown me during my time in Jakarta is what it means to be a church. I have gotten to become a part of the body of Christ that suffers together, rejoices together, and prays together. I have gotten to join a family of brothers and sisters that partakes in each other's sufferings and victories. In times when I fell into darkness and hopelessness, I was met by Jesus's truth and love through other church members. Not only from One Hope Church, but I have also gotten to witness the power and reach of the global church family. There is nowhere I can run, nowhere I can hide that can separate me from the love of God.

Kairos Church

Joshua Kou

Tokyo, Japan



01.

One of my favorite memories during my 1YR has been taking walks in a local park near my apartment. The park has a small zoo and a peaceful pond, and spending time there allowed me to step away from the busyness of daily life. Being surrounded by nature brought a sense of refreshment and rest, and those moments became a meaningful way for me to recharge both physically and spiritually.



02.

During my time in Japan, one of the biggest realizations God has shown me is how spiritually distant many people are from Him. Before coming, I believed that simply praying and sharing the Gospel would be enough to lead people to Christ. However, being here has taught me that these efforts alone are not sufficient to change hearts. This experience has deepened my understanding that true transformation can only come through the power of God. It has humbled me and reminded me to rely not on my own efforts, but on God to work in the lives of the people here.

Remnant Westside Church

Joyce Dong

Cobán, Guatemala



01.

At the start of my internship, during prayer, I would close my eyes and keep asking God to show me images of what He wanted me to see. He was silent. Until a moment during the Latin America AMI Institute when God revealed to me that the image I was seeking all along was right in front of me...I just had to open my eyes. There was the Holy Spirit's presence and power when I looked at the attendees worshipping and praying for each other. Since then, God has been teaching me about where to direct my eyes; to be observant to what He wants to show me.

02.

There are many memories that are dear to my heart, including many moments of pure laughter and time spent cooking/baking for my community here. One memory that is unique to my time here is performing for Iglesia La Gracia's Talent Show with my fellow guy interns. We played "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" on handbells and did a dance that I choreographed. It was precious getting to share my love of dance with them! There was even a moment while teaching them the choreo that reminded me of one of the glimpses God had shown me when He called me to 1YR.

Tapestry Church

Kezia Leung

**Ho Chi Minh City,
Vietnam**



01.

I have so many memories! I think my favorite specific memory was on January 20th because it was a very fun, spontaneous day where I experienced God in many ways and through all the ministries I serve in. We planned to have a meeting with our pastor in the morning, but instead we ended up going to a missionary's house to pray for their new home. Then we ate at the mall, took photobooth pictures, went back to New Song Church to advertise our new children's English class (we shouted "67" to attract kids), taught hopes and goals to young adults at Revival Church, and ended the night by watching a soccer game at a cafe with church members and one of our English class students. God used this day to build so many relationships and bring so much joy to the ministries I'm serving in.

02.

God's plans are always better than what we can imagine, and He always provides for us. During my one-year internship so far, there have been many changes, such as relocating, moving multiple times, and even splitting between churches. Sometimes I wondered why God allowed all these changes in my life. Through it all, He wanted to show me that He is a provider and that He knows what's best for us, even when things may seem messy from our perspective.

Symphony Church

Maddie Smith

Jakarta, Indonesia



01.

My favorite memory while serving on 1YR was visiting Pekanbaru for the Short-Term Mission's trip and meeting the kids at Pastor Joney's orphanage! They welcomed us so warmly when we arrived and were quick to introduce themselves. I met a lot of great kids there and had such a nice time learning about each of their upbringings and also their current aspirations. I even got to listen to a few testimonies! It brought me a lot of joy



02.

During my time here, I feel that God has been testing and refining my character. It hasn't been easy, but I'm deeply thankful because it has strengthened my confidence in His love. There were moments when I felt weak and questioned why God had placed me here, yet I found hope in Jesus—the High Priest who understands me. Through these struggles, God also revealed a deeper wound in my heart. At times, I felt frustrated and anxious, even asking, "If You are on my side, why won't You help me out of this?" Beneath that was a fear that God might not want to help me. But when a church member quoted Jeremiah 29:11, the phrase "not to harm you" stood out. It led me to reflect on why I trust God. While I had familiar answers, I sensed Him gently remind me: "You can trust Me because I love you." That simple truth eased much of my anxiety. Through this season, I've learned that trusting God requires patience and must be rooted not only in His power, but in His deep and undeniable love for me.

Tapestry Church

Noah Ho

Cobán, Guatemala



01.

My favorite memory serving has to be helping out at our end-of-year Christmas festival. All the teachers spent weeks preparing the kids for their performances, and it all culminated into an incredible Christmas program, which took place in a very newly completed gymnasium and allowed us to share with hundreds of Guatemalans the good news of Jesus and the reason why we celebrate Christmas.



02.

One of the many things that I've been learning over the past few months is that God knows me better than I know myself. When I heard that I would be in charge of starting an English Academy here in Cobán and helping out with a lot of HR and finance stuff for our international school here in Cobán, I didn't think I was a good fit for the role because I never thought I was very detail oriented. On top of all of this, I felt my Spanish wasn't ready for this new role that would have me interact with Spanish-speaking adults rather than pre-K students who only know a little bit of Spanish. However, throughout these past months, God has been able to use me in spite of my preconceived weaknesses. The English Academy has been well-received both amongst parents and students, and I've been able to help the school with a lot of HR and finance tasks that will help the school well beyond my 1-year here.

Church of Southland Anaheim

Timothy Chu

Cobán, Guatemala



01.

God has shown me that his kingdom and mission work will succeed in the areas that He desires, not what I desire. As a teacher at our school, I dedicated all of my effort to my students. I wanted to see my students learn and grow in their academics, character, and faith. However, I had forgotten my purpose of serving in Guatemala. I was so focused on my students that I was not interested in how God was using the church and short-term mission teams to bless the community. Thus, I felt envy when God changed lives in the community instead of my classroom. Through my prayers and reflections, God reminded me that I am called to serve His plans, not my own.

02.

My favorite moment was seeing my middle school students choose to be kind towards each other after weeks of conflict. In the beginning of the school year, there had been instances of bullying and exclusion. Through many prayers, activities, and talks, the students gradually changed. I saw how God was leading them to show love, to forgive, and to reconcile.

Church of Southland Chino

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Last year, I struggled to protect my Sabbath, so this year I became more intentional. I set aside Mondays to go climbing alone, which gave me space to slow down, reflect, and be with the Lord—something I came to really look forward to. In January, a couple who love climbing joined our church, and since they also had Mondays off, we started climbing together.

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Being with them, I noticed how naturally they connected with others—starting conversations and building relationships. To me, that felt like the opposite of rest.

I realized I had begun to see connecting with others and sharing the gospel as “work,” drawing a line between rest and ministry. The Lord has been reminding me that His heart for people doesn’t turn off on my day of rest, and that sharing the gospel should flow naturally from being with Him.

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One was during our January concert. I expected two volleyball friends, but while on stage I saw four—friends I had been building relationships with for over a year. In that moment, it felt like God gently saying, “See? Don’t worry, things will come together in My time.” Afterward, I thought, “Ah God, finally!” Less than three weeks later, another friend (not one of the four haha) came to church with me.

Another favorite was a short trip with sisters from my small group during New Year’s break. It was such a fun time enjoying each other’s company in the sun—especially meaningful since there’s so little sunlight in the city I’m serving in.

COS ANAHEIM STM UPDATE

COBÁN, GUATEMALA

MARCH 21–28, 2026



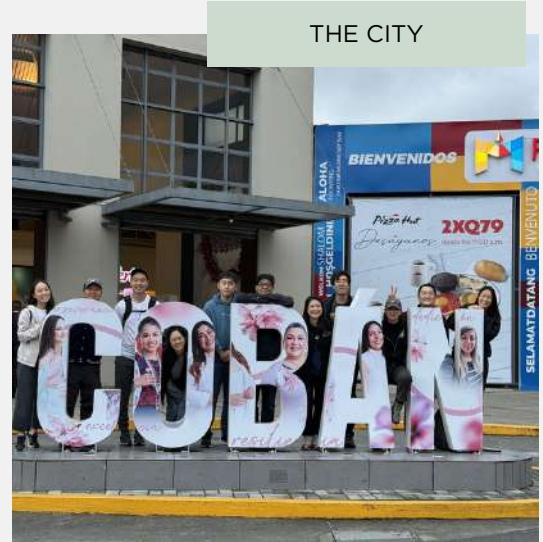
Church of Southland Anaheim sent an STM team of 12 members to Cobán, Guatemala, on March 21–28.

The team traveled to Chamelco, a village about 30–40 minutes from AMI, where they served through Vacation Bible School (VBS). Led by Linda Kim with James Pack as Assistant Lead, the team (Alice Ahn, Annie Liu, Amoah, Esteban Kim, Isaac Roh, James Kim, Jane Hong, Justine Kim, Sangwon Ryan Kim, and Sheldon Ramos) faithfully ministered to the children and community. Throughout the trip, they witnessed God's hand in unifying the team—11 individuals becoming one body, serving with shared purpose and love. One of the most memorable moments was the early morning prayer drives filled with joy and laughter, as well as the final day of VBS, when over 100 children attended and many opened their hearts. It was especially powerful to see children and their mothers receive prayer, with some moved to tears. The team is grateful for how God worked through every moment, revealing His love to both the community and the team.

STM: VBS CHAMELCO VILLAGE



THE TEAM



THE CITY



THE TEAM WITH KATRINA & JOYCE



VBS WITH THE KIDS

“How we bonded as a group, though each so different, God used us like an orchestra directing a symphony. His music of love played out so beautifully for the benefit of the children and the community.”

STM: CREATIVE PAINTING PROJECTS

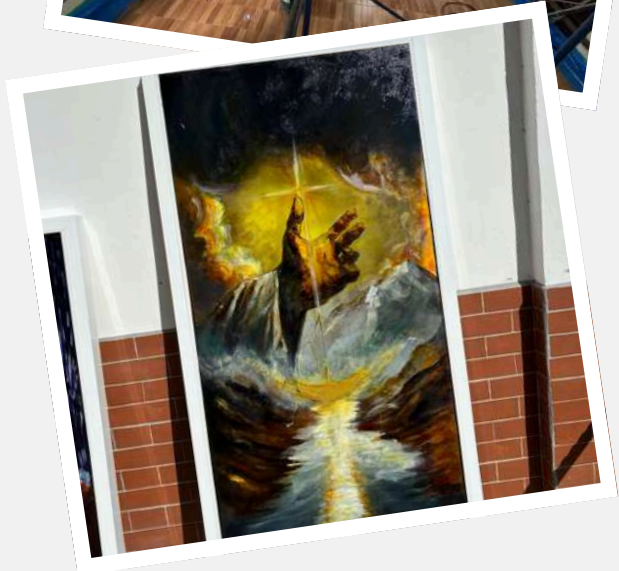
WHERE: COBÁN,
GUATEMALA

TEAM: REMNANT (NY)

WHEN: FEBRUARY 20–26



A team from Remnant Church (David Park, Jihun Kwac, Suhyun Kwac, Alina Guan, Eunhee Kang, Jaeyoung Byun, and Seol Ye Lee) served at the Cobán Mission Center, focusing on painting projects. Their primary work included creating a mural on the cafeteria windows, along with additional window pieces, and helping paint the children's church alongside the local community. The team also shared morning devotionals during prayer times, and Alina Guan had the opportunity to support and shadow activities at AMI International School. Despite initial setbacks due to weather, the team witnessed God's guidance in learning to slow down and trust His timing. Meaningful moments included painting with the children, a prayer walk through Cobán, and Alina discovering her calling to return as an intern. Through it all, the team saw that the mission extended beyond the artwork to building relationships and engaging with the community in God's love.



AMI WEST 2025



FEBRUARY 13–15, 2026

From February 13–15 at Camp Maranatha, West Coast AMI churches—including COS Anaheim, COS Chino, Kairos, Tapestry, Radiance, Seattle Upper Room, and Renewal—came together for a transformative joint college retreat.

The retreat featured a series of powerful messages from Pastor Sung Chung (Church of Southland, Anaheim), Pastor Ulysses Wang (Renewal Church), Pastor Josh (Seattle Upper Room), Pastor Andy (Radiance), and Pastor Peter Yoon (Kairos), each encouraging and strengthening students in their walk with God.

We praise God for this impactful time of worship, prayer, and fellowship, where students were able to grow deeper in their faith and build meaningful connections within the AMI community.

