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AMI

ACTS MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Q3 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.

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

AMI Center

AMI Center Opens a New Chapter in Vietnam

On October 10, 2026, delegates from AMI churches and mission fields gathered with Vietnamese ministry partners to dedicate the AMI Center in Ho Chi Minh City. After 20 years of mission work in Vietnam, this milestone opens a new chapter focused on equipping and connecting ministry leaders to serve the local churches.

Training will include two complementary tracks. The School of Ministry will offer pastoral and leadership training, theological courses, and ministry workshops. The School of Counseling will provide training and resources addressing mental health, marriage and relationships, and other counseling needs. AMI pastors and ministry leaders will initially lead these efforts alongside Vietnamese partners, with the goal of raising up local leaders to carry the work forward.

LAUNCHING CEREMONY

RECAP

The center brings together spaces for worship, training, ministry, and hospitality.

AMI CENTER

A LOOK INSIDE...

1ST Floor : SUNDAY SPARROW COFFEE CO.

Whether enjoying a cup of coffee, connecting with others, or taking a quiet moment to recharge, the Ministry Center coffee area provides a warm and welcoming space for fellowship, conversation, and rest.

AMI CENTER

2ND Floor : OFFICE SPACES

Dedicated office spaces provide a place for ministries and businesses to work, collaborate, and support the broader community.

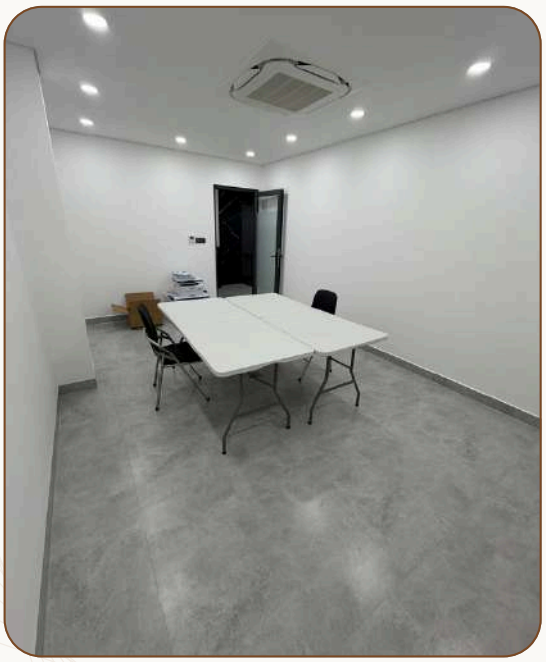
3RD Floor : SANCTUARY/AUDITORIUM

A dedicated gathering space primarily used by New Song Church (NSC) for Sunday worship services, church gatherings, and ministry events.

AMI CENTER

A LOOK INSIDE...

4TH Floor : MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS



Flexible spaces designed for New Song Church ministries, AMI training, meetings, and other ministry activities.

4th Floor
MULTIPURPOSE
ROOMS

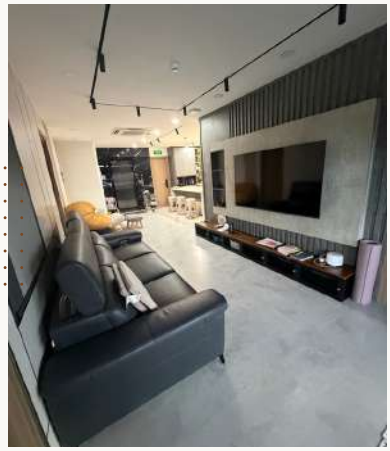
AMI CENTER

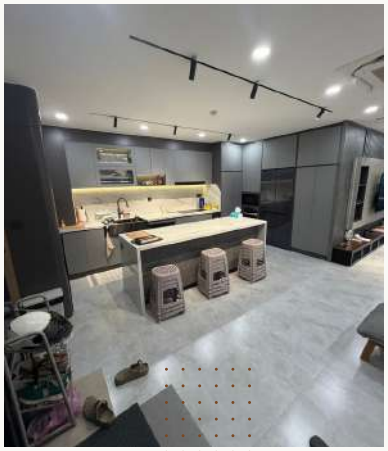
5TH Floor : RESIDENTIAL/HOTEL

Five guest rooms providing comfortable accommodations for STM teams and other ministry guests.

AMI CENTER

6TH Floor : RESIDENTIAL
Current home for Missionaries John & Ruth Lee
(sent by Canvas City Church)



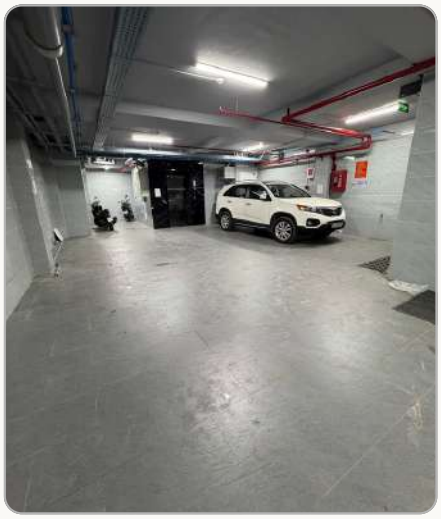


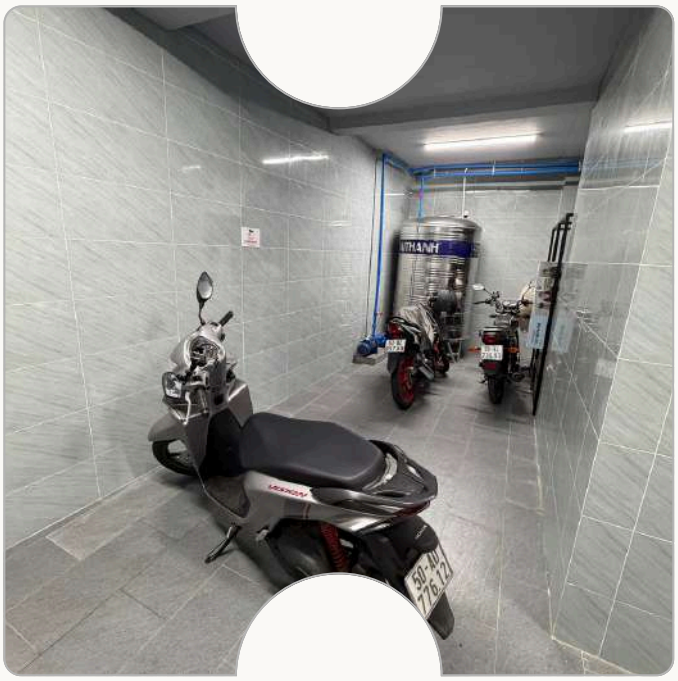
7TH Floor : FELLOWSHIP/ KITCHEN

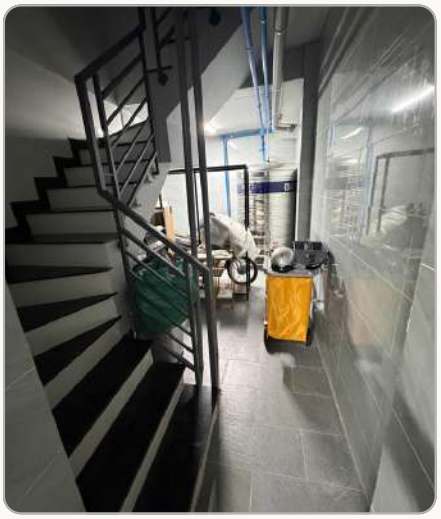
A spacious, open area designed for fellowship, shared meals, cooking, and community gatherings.

AMI CENTER

BASEMENT: PARKING FOR CARS & SCOOTERS



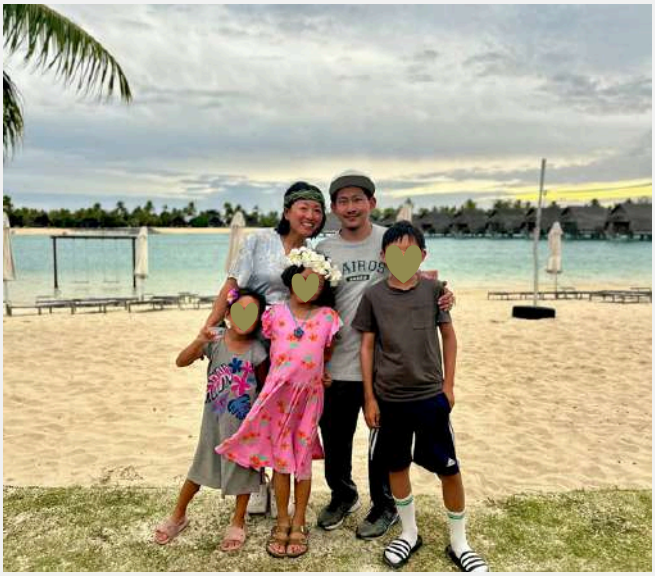




Spacious Basement Parking
A large parking area for cars and motorbikes, providing essential and convenient parking.

JAPAN · MISSIONS UPDATE

A Season of Transition for AMI's Ministry in Japan



Sato family

After approximately eight years of ministry in Japan, AMI is entering a season of transition. Following a two-year assessment, much prayer, and ongoing conversations with the Japan team, AMI has decided to bring its current missions work there to a close. We are grateful for the relationships built, the seeds of faith planted, and the dedication of those who have served.

Pastor Jason Sato feels led to continue serving in Japan and will seek partnership with another supporting organization. As he steps down from his AMI role this October, we part with mutual goodwill. AMI will provide financial support for six months, with the possibility of extending that support for an additional six months as needed.

Eunmi Jun, AMI's first missionary to Japan, will spend the coming months wrapping up her ministry and discerning her next assignment. AMI is also arranging new placements for the two interns currently serving there.

Please join us in thanking God for this chapter of ministry and praying for the Sato family, Eunmi, the interns, and the communities they have served.

Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

PastorKeith.com - Explore, Ask, and Grow

We are excited to announce the launch of **PastorKeith.com**, a new resource that brings Pastor Keith Park's biblical teaching together in a searchable sermon archive. Visitors can explore messages by Bible book, topic, or series, or use the site's AI-powered search feature to ask questions and find relevant teachings from the archive.

Additional sermons and content will continue to be indexed in the coming months, providing a growing resource for anyone seeking to deepen their study of God's Word, revisit past messages, and be encouraged in their faith.

A new Pastor Keith Park YouTube channel also supports the website and provides another way to access his messages.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

InsanPermata.org - Learn, Pray, and Support

Insan Permata Launches New Website

We are excited to share the launch of Insan Permata's new website, InsanPermata.org! The website offers a closer look at the mission, story, and ongoing ministry of Insan Permata Orphanage in Indonesia, providing an opportunity to learn more about the children and those faithfully serving and caring for them.

The website was created to help others better understand the ministry and discover ways to support its work both spiritually and practically. We encourage the AMI community to visit the new site, learn more about what God is doing through Insan Permata, pray for the children and their caregivers, and consider ways to contribute to their continued care and growth.

Insan Permata
Orphanage

Established over 20 years ago in Pekanbaru, Riau, **Indonesia,** within a predominantly Muslim community.

Pastor Jonedy & Anna Umboh
Founders

the Kids

How could my donation help?

Your donation supports Insan Permata in continuing to raise children in a safe, Christ-centered environment.

On **insanpermata.org**, donors are given access to the names and stories of individual children at Insan Permata, as well as news about the children and staff.

Contact

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Scan Here

To **support** Insan Permata Orphanage and **learn more** about this ministry

AMI LEAD PASTORS & STAFF CONFERENCE 2026

JULY 23–25

From July 23-25, pastors and staff from across AMI gathered at Church of Southland Chino for the 2026 AMI Pastoral Staff Conference. Through small groups, a Holy Spirit Workshop, teachings, and updates from new AMI churches, attendees shared a meaningful time of connection, encouragement, and equipping for ministry. The conference provided an opportunity to grow together and strengthen the relationships that unite the AMI family as they continue serving their churches and communities.

Next year's AMI Leadership Conference will be held at Church of Southland Anaheim from July 29-31, 2027.

EAST ASIA

NLC

Pastor A.S.

PRAISE / PRAYER REQUESTS

- The church continues to reach the community through several evangelistic activities, including frisbee, badminton, and the Alpha Course. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work through these opportunities, touch people's hearts, and lead them to know God personally.

- Pray for the new staff member, who previously served as a 1YR intern, as they transition into their new role. Pray for God's guidance and continued growth as they serve the church.

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the church staff as they develop church systems for discipleship training, Sunday school, deacons, missions, and other areas of ministry.

EAST ASIA

RISE
Pastor R.L.

UPDATES / PRAISE REPORTS / PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our Sunday gatherings: Pray that God would protect and keep the new venue safe. Since the space is quite large and other activities sometimes take place there, we are not sure how freely our voices can carry or whether we will be heard outside the meeting space. Pray that God would take care of every unknown situation during our gatherings, and that we would grow in faith as we meet and worship Him in this new place.
- Pray for the campus and the lives of students: Students often express anxiety and uncertainty about the future. There is also a lot of fear, negativity, and discouragement spreading among them. Pray that the good news of truth would enter into their lives, that God would give them an eternal perspective, and that the gospel would reshape the way they understand the value and purpose of life.
- Pray for gospel ministry: There will be many gospel opportunities this semester–Alpha, retreats, sports ministry, small groups, Christmas, and more. Pray that God would give us opportunities to share the gospel and open the hearts of those who hear it.
- Pray for the new leaders: As the new semester begins, many areas of ministry need people to step forward and serve. Pray that God would raise up new leaders who are willing to participate, and that they would learn to walk in unity and support one another as they serve together.

EAST ASIA

RCC

Pastor J.C.

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- We are grateful that more people in our church are getting involved in ministry. Please pray for our prayer group, worship team, Sunday school, and housekeeping team, that we would have humble hearts, rely on the Holy Spirit, and experience more of God's grace, presence, and power.

- We plan to launch an Alpha group in October. Please pray for our ministry leaders and the new friends we have invited, asking the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts so that we may have greater clarity and obedience to His leading.

- Please pray for the church's safety and opportunities to reach out to others. May we continue to have a passion for interceding for our city, community, and workplaces, and may God use us as vessels to bless those around us.

Missionary KM

EAST ASIA

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Outreach Community: We are planning monthly Courtyard Open Mics from September–December and a Lunar New Year celebration in January. Please pray for musicians and helpers, for these gatherings to become a regular "third space" where people can build meaningful relationships, and for the church in CD to participate through prayer and relationship-building. Pray that these relationships would lead to opportunities such as Alpha, and for help developing local social media to promote the events and strengthen the community.

Studies & Health: Please pray for good stewardship of both studies and health while completing the remaining five courses and three graduation projects. Pray for strength, rest, and perseverance to finish well.

Translation: Please pray for diligence, excellence, and good teamwork as we continue several translation projects, with the hope of completing them by the end of the Lunar New Year in January 2027. Pray that these materials would encourage and edify people here.

Baking Workshops: This summer's baking workshops were fruitful opportunities for nonbelieving friends to experience God's love through encouragement, relationships, and practical care. The instructor also trained two women who recently took over the coffee bar at the office complex, helping them expand their offerings while providing an opportunity to hear about their struggles and offer practical support.

Outreach Community Partnership: Over the past few months, we have been building a relationship with a Christian jazz music education group and are planning a joint event in October. Through their events, we have also connected with amateur musicians and see great potential to build relationships by providing opportunities to perform, make music together, and experience a supportive and loving community.

Evangelism & Teaching: Please pray for intentional and regular opportunities to engage with nonbelievers and help them move forward in their journey toward God. Pray for wisdom to actively discern God's timing and for opportunities to share what has been learned through the course with those who would benefit from it.

WEST ASIA

MISSIONARY JW

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

UPDATES / PRAISE REPORTS / PRAYER REQUESTS

Thank God for the teams who visited us. During the summer, several teams came from different places to spend time with us. We were grateful for the opportunity to share with one another and pray together. I'm thankful that God is stirring the hearts of more brothers and sisters to pray and seek His guidance about coming to serve in Tibetan areas.

More Tibetan Christians have joined our online meetings. I'm very thankful to see more Tibetan believers participating in our online gatherings. However, many live in areas where there are no churches or other Christians nearby, which makes it difficult to provide them with the support and fellowship they need. Please continue to pray for them.

We had an outdoor activity together in early September. I'm thankful that we had the opportunity to spend time together with the brothers and sisters from the church and enjoy God's beautiful creation. (see photo on left)

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the Tibetan believers, that they will remain steadfast in following God. May the Holy Spirit help them experience God in their everyday lives and live out their faith at work and in their families.
- Please pray for Tibetan Christians who are alone.
- Please pray that God will take away their fear and fill their hearts with His love.
- Please pray for our winter retreat, that we will be able to hold the retreat smoothly, and for God's protection over the transportation and the venue.

ABD
Pastor E.L.

EAST ASIA

Staff Retreat/ Prayer

SMALL GROUP GATHERING

Small Group Kickoff

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the new season

Please pray for our church as we enter into a new season. This year, we will focus on what it means to be “Called”–to live differently from the world and reflect Christ in the way we live. We will also emphasize cultivating a heart of gratitude for the blessings we have received through Jesus.

- Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit

Please pray that we would be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and willing to follow wherever He leads. Recently, college students have been joining our group, along with people who are interested in serving and reaching college students. We are prayerfully discerning whether God is inviting us to become more involved in this ministry. Please pray for wisdom and clarity as we seek His direction.

- Pray for safety and protection for churches in China

Please pray for God’s protection over churches and believers throughout China. The government continues to tighten its restrictions and oversight of churches. Pray for wisdom, courage, unity, and peace for pastors, leaders, and believers, and that the church would continue to faithfully follow Jesus in the midst of increasing pressure.

ABD, EAST ASIA

MISSIONARIES BILLY & KELLY PAI

Missionaries Billy and Kelly Pai were sent out by the Church of Southland Anaheim in 2012 and served in East Asia for eight years. After returning to Orange County in 2020, they returned to East Asia to serve alongside Pastor EL of ABD Church and continue God's work there.

PRAISE REPORTS & UPDATES

Our transition to EA has been going smoothly, and it has truly been a joy and privilege to be part of P. EL's team.

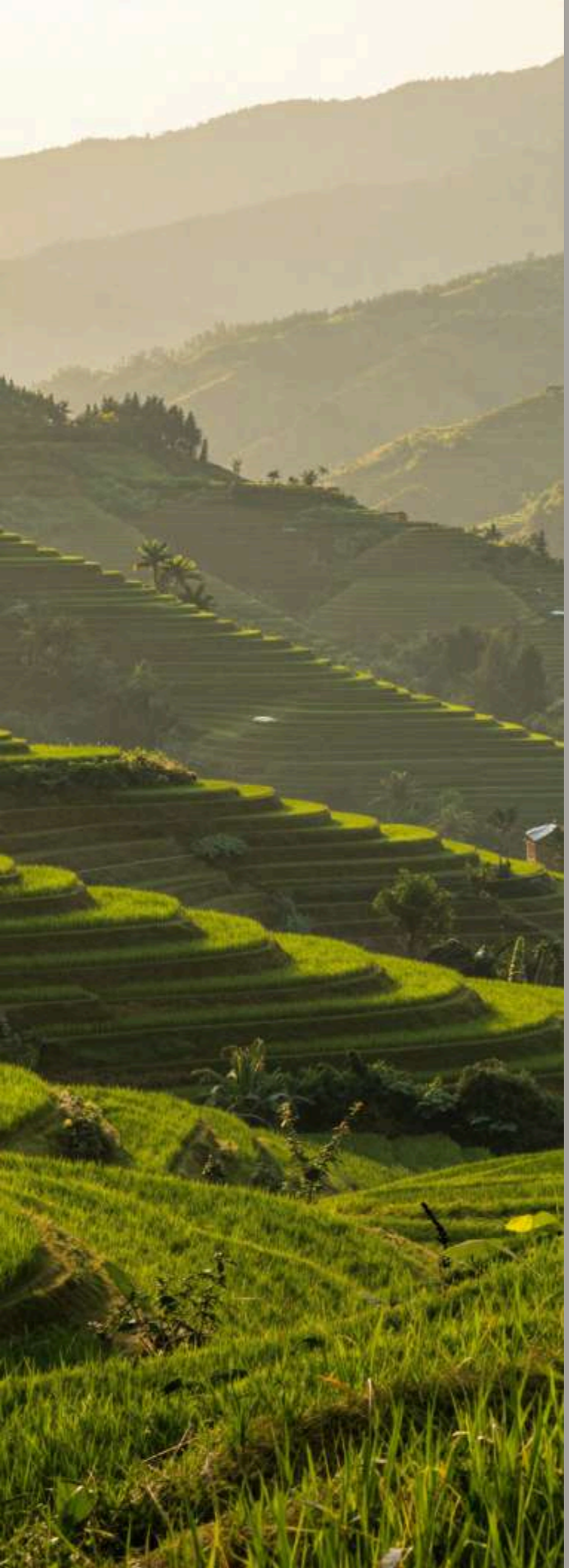
We have joined the staff at ABD Church and are participating in various ministries, including college ministry, Sunday school, worship, and small groups.

The majority of the congregation are young working adults, and we are grateful to be part of their spiritual journeys during this season of their lives. They have truly been a joy to love and serve.

In October, we will have an English Camp outreach for local children and parents, followed by our church-wide retreat in November. We are looking forward to both!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Billy's continued growth in his language skills as he diligently studies and learns.
- Pray for both of us as we begin seminary classes in October. We are excited for this opportunity but also feel a little intimidated, so please pray for wisdom, strength, and grace as we begin.
- Pray for our trip to Taiwan in November to apply for a special pass that would allow us to stay in China for several years at a time. Pray for a smooth application process and God's guidance throughout.



EAST ASIA

PVD PASTOR NC

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for our meeting place. We have found a temporary place for our Sunday gatherings, but we are still looking for a suitable long-term location. Please pray for God's provision and guidance.

- Please pray for the growing number of families and children in PVD. We are thankful to see more families and children joining our church. Three sisters in our church are currently pregnant, with two due this month. Please pray for God's protection and grace over these families.

- Please pray for our pastors and coworkers. Pray that God would give us wisdom, strength, and faithfulness as we continue to shepherd the church during this season.

IGLESIA LA GRACIA

AMI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

COBÁN, GUATEMALA

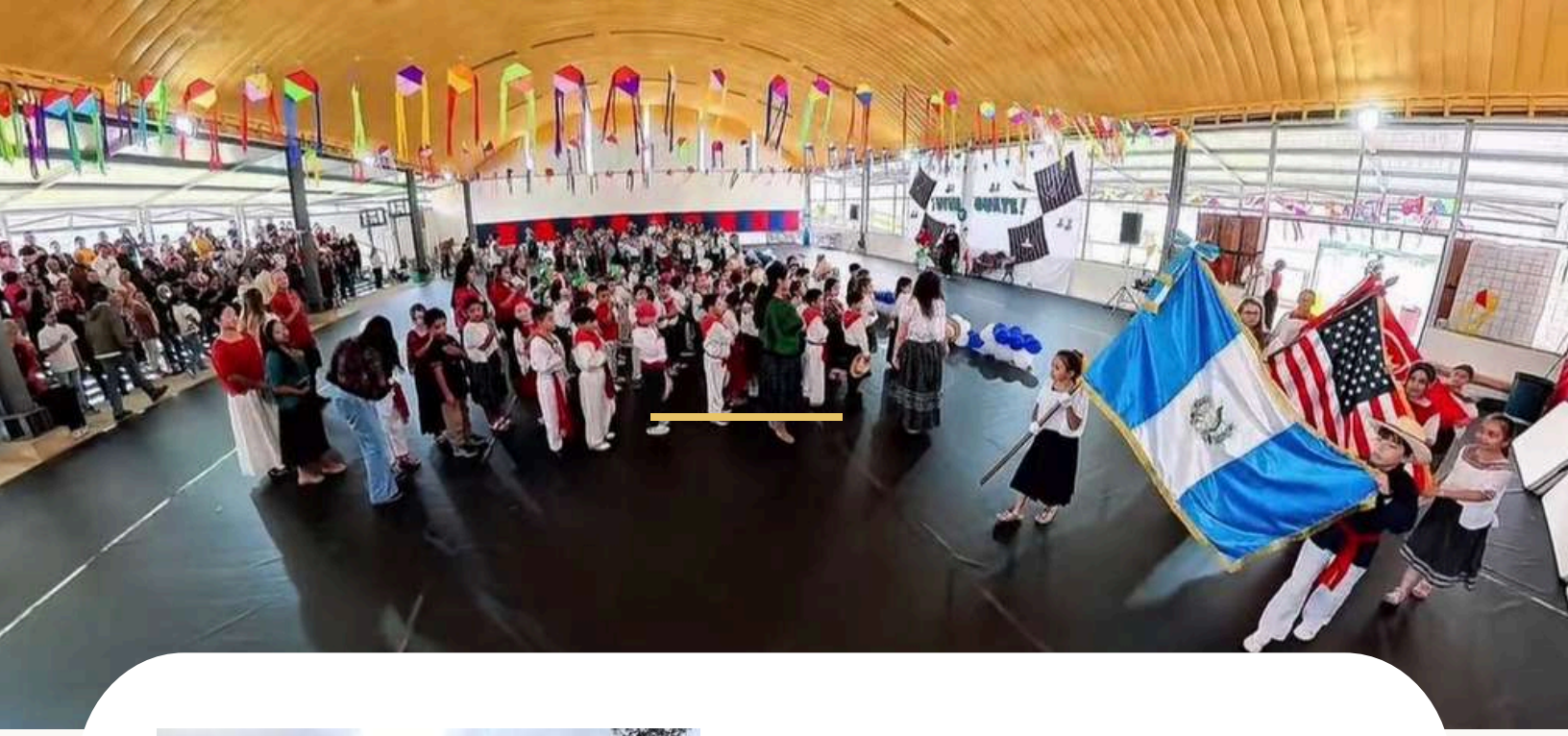
Pastor Jonathan & Stephanie Moon | Elder John & Eunran Kim | Pastor Katey Erickson & Luis Xuc

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- We are grateful for what God has been doing through the STMs we have received this year. Please pray for wisdom, unity, strength, and God's guidance as we continue welcoming teams and serving alongside our local partner ministries and communities. Pray that every team that comes will be used by God to serve with humility, love, and a heart for people. (See photos above)

- The Moon family was able to take a sabbatical during the months of June and July. They were able to leave the Ministry Center–including the school, church, academy, construction, and other ministries–in the hands of the staff and genuinely step away. This sabbatical was something they had been preparing for over the past year as they intentionally invested in and prepared the leaders and staff. Praise God for taking care of His ministry and for giving the Moon family the opportunity to see the team grow as they were away!

- Prayer Request: Please pray for the AMI International School as we have started the 7th year of classes. Please pray for the 20 staff members and 185 students, as well as our ongoing search for new teachers, especially for middle school (currently in session) and high school (which will start next year) as instruction at both levels is entirely in English.



Our new one-year interns have been here for almost three months now. They are amazing and we are grateful for their willingness to serve! Please continue to pray for them as they adjust to their roles and learn Spanish.

24 of our church members went through a 10-week course on the book Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, which was taught by one of our lay staff members. The class was very well received and all of the participants grew spiritually and were challenged as they engaged with the course and the book.

ONE HOPE CHURCH

Jakarta, Indonesia

Pastor Won & Hope Kim

PRAISE REPORTS

- Church of Southland Anaheim Medical STM to Papua! We're so grateful for the COS Anaheim team, their service and dedication, and our partnership with the Papuan churches who helped us facilitate the clinics! We witnessed firsthand the power of prayer and saw miraculous healings, people coming to repentance and the Lord drawing His people back unto Him!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God to provide a more permanent space for the church.
- Pray for the Introduction to Christianity program to help distant and new believers grow in their relationship with God.
- Pray for wisdom in ministering well to both younger and older members of the congregation.

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

Pekanbaru, Indonesia

Pastor Jonedy & Anna Umboh

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor Jonedy is also seeking opportunities to continue church planting efforts in Jakarta. There are currently three cell groups with 25–50 attendees, and they are praying for a place to rent for church services, the necessary legal documents, and essential church equipment, including a simple sound system, musical instruments, and an office. Please pray for God's provision and guidance as the ministry continues to grow in Jakarta.

- Pray for wisdom and the right strategy to reach the people of metropolitan Jakarta, and for God to lead them to the right people and open doors for ministry.
- Pray also for His continued protection and provision.
- Pray for God to build a team united in heart and vision, made up of people with strong character, a heart to serve, and a burden to plant and build the church.

Pekanbaru, Indonesia

FOS LOGOS SCHOOL INSAN PERMATA ORPHANAGE

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for His continued presence and faithfulness, even during a difficult season. Pekanbaru is currently experiencing a severe haze crisis, which has led to school closures and respiratory issues among staff, children at the orphanage, teachers, and students. Several children, including Arjun and Fandy, have experienced shortness of breath and fever, and others have also become sick. Please pray for healing, protection over the children and staff, and for the haze to clear quickly. Please also pray for God's provision for air purifiers for each room to help protect everyone's health.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

CISTERNA DI LATINA, ITALY

Pastor Alessandro & Allison Di Leonardo

Welcoming our 2 new Staff Members

Living Word Church Retreat with Renewal Church

PRAISE REPORTS

- Paolo Craita joined us as our new Intern. He just graduated from the Bible School here in Italy. He will work at Living Word for a whole year.
- Chris Flores is now working part-time for Living Word. He came to know the Lord through our ministry and he is growing in the faith. He is also now attending bible school online.
- The church is growing in numbers. We also had 6 baptisms and a rededication this summer.
- Living Word held its second church retreat, and the Lord truly blessed it. We had the help of an STM team from Renewal Church. They helped in so many ways including leading worship in Italian!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God to raise up more leaders and helpers to serve the ministry in Cisterna.
- Pray for opportunities to enter the school system and reach young people with the gospel.
- Pray for more teachers and adequate space as the children's ministry continues to grow.

THRIVE CHURCH

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Pastor David & Grace Son

Infant Baptisms

Adult Baptism

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

We have had 5 baptisms in the last few months! One of them is a sister named Shiloh, who first came to Thrive English a few years ago, solely to learn English. After getting to know the volunteers and teachers at Thrive English, she then decided to check out our ALPHA course. After taking the ALPHA course, she started coming to church. Pretty soon, she was coming to church more than Thrive English! During the summer she began asking serious questions about the Gospel, the meaning of being a Christian, and the requirements for being baptized. After she understood the core Gospel message, she immediately accepted it and decided to get baptized. We are filled with awe and gratitude because Shiloh had never attended church before, but through Thrive English, ALPHA, and Thrive Church, she has been saved! We got to be a part of a whole journey, and that's such an honor and joy for us!

We've had 5 babies born at our church this summer–the most in one year so far! All the babies and mothers are healthy! Praise God!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Spiritual protection for those who were baptized. One of the guys who was baptized started getting panic attacks the week after being baptized. Three of them are from non-Christian families and will need to face the challenges of being the only Christian in their homes.

- For God to use our upcoming Bloom Conference (Nov 19-22) to reach non-Christians, edify our church body, and also equip/train our leaders for more ministry. We are so thankful for Church of Southland Anaheim and Seattle Upper Room, who will be sending a team to lead this conference!

- For sustained focus, energy, unity, and wisdom for Pastor David and the Thrive Staff to serve this church faithfully and by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

- In the summer of 2027 we will need to find a bigger space for our Sunday worship. Please pray that God would provide a suitable location for us!

Women's Ministry Paint & Tea Fellowship

Shiloh sharing her testimony

Missions Sharing

SINGAPORE

GRACE COVENANT CHURCH

Pastor Paul & Ailsa Liu

Infant Baptisms

Pastor Alessandro & Allison from Living Word Church, Italy visiting.

PRAISE REPORTS

TRANSITIONS: Sad goodbyes to Joel & Tiffany who served at GCC for 7 years. At the same time, we welcome Anna & Chaein to our staff: Anna is serving as a worship intern & Chaein will begin to offer counseling to church members.

FAMILY: Recent sermon series focused on FAMILY, the place where we personally pass on faith & values. Each week, we spent time praying for the families, couples, & the children of our church. We even had a child dedication where 5 couples committed themselves & their kids to know & love God.

MISSIONS: A group of people has been meeting for a year to learn about missions and soon will become a formal missions committee. They are discussing goals for learning & sharing about missions, as well as building the capacity to partner with & send missionaries.

LIUS: Alisa continues to be an awesome 2nd grade teacher. Our oldest daughter graduated from college & has already started working. Our second daughter graduated from high school & moved to Michigan for college. Our youngest just started sophomore year of high school.

PRAYER REQUESTS

UNITY: We have lots of diversity in church and sometimes it can feel like we don't understand one another's lives. Pray for Christ's love to move us to intentionally care for, be concerned about, & get involved in one another's lives. May our love bear witness to the greater love of God in our city.

STAFF: We are looking to add an associate pastor to our staff. Pray for prayerfulness & God's guidance in the process.

RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

Pastor Tina & Anthony Pham

HAI PHONG, VIETNAM

Pham Family

Bible Game Night

Children's Bible Story Game

Mid-Autumn Festival Event

PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise God for helping us to grow as a church community. We had a Bible Game Night on August 15 where church members memorized verses from Ephesians and also studied the letter beforehand to test their memory.
- We spent all of August preparing and promoting our English-speaking club, which is our main vehicle to meet non-Christians and build relationships that later lead to faith conversations.
- On September 20, we held an event for children and teenagers to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. 15 children attended along with their parents, some of whom are new to the church and exploring biblical truth.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that we can share the gospel with our English club community during the Christmas season and at any time.
- Please pray that we can strengthen relationships among our members and continue discipling them.
- Please pray for our two sisters, Sarah and Ruby, who are pursuing theological training through an online program.

NEW SONG CHURCH

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Pastor Phi & Mai Tran

ENGLISH TEENS CAMP

ALPHA YOUNG ADULTS

EXPERIENCING GOD DISCIPLESHIP

ALPHA TEENS

PRAISE REPORTS

- The Blessing Church joined us to serve through Teen and Young Adult English Camps, welcoming 82 participants, including 29 nonbelievers. Through the camps, the teams built meaningful relationships, openly shared the gospel, welcomed many new people, and helped strengthen the young adult community at New Song.
- We started an Alpha course for nonbelievers who attended the English camp. Around 20 people have attended at least one session, and four participants—Kim, Hieu, Thien, and Khoa—attend consistently each week.
- We started Alpha for teenagers in church to strengthen their faith and for nonbeliever friends to know more about God.

NEW SONG CHURCH

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

AMI CENTER

PRAISE REPORTS

- We are currently running the 12-week Experiencing God course (July 20–September 10) with 40 church members and volunteer team members, who are studying together, praying, and ministering to one another each week.
- The AMI Center building is now complete, and preparations are underway for the church to move into the new space, which will provide more room for Sunday services and allow us to host all of our ministry activities in one location.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the 40 church members studying Experiencing God to grow deeper in their relationship with God and apply what they are learning.
- Pray for smooth preparations and God's provision as the church prepares to move into the new building.
- Pray for the staff team to adjust well and serve faithfully as they begin ministry in the new location.
- Pray for the seekers joining Alpha to encounter God personally and grow in their understanding of the gospel.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and leading in every area of the church and its ministries.

REVIVAL CHURCH

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Pastor Phuong Truong & Vinh Nguyen

PRAISE REPORTS

Youth & Young Adult Camps:
Praise God for the STM team from Remnant Westside Church, who came alongside Revival to serve during the Youth and Young Adult Camps. Revival hosted a two-day Youth Camp with 30 teens and a three-day Young Adult Camp with 20 young adults, providing opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the teens and young adults to grow in unity, build meaningful friendships, and encourage one another.
- Pray for them to know God personally and remain passionate about serving Him wholeheartedly.
- Pray for them to develop a heart for outreach and courage to invite their friends to church.

REVIVAL CHURCH

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

PASTOR PHUONG TRUONG & VINH NGUYEN

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Children's Outreach & English Ministry:

Revival continues to reach children and families through community events and English classes. The Mid-Autumn Festival welcomed 20 children, including 12 from the surrounding community, while the English ministries are connecting with many nonbelieving students. Vivian, a one-year intern, is also teaching an English class for children, all of whom are nonbelievers.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for continued relationships with the children and for their parents to allow them to participate in Sunday school, additional activities, and Christmas outreach.
- Pray for Vivian to teach with confidence, wisdom, creativity, and initiative.
- Pray for more students to join the English ministry, attend regularly, and have opportunities to hear the gospel.
- Pray for Revival members to courageously build relationships with nonbelieving students and families.

MISSIONARY JOHN & RUTH LEE

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

PRAISE REPORTS

- The AMI Center is nearing completion, and we're preparing for the opening. We just finished training the cell leaders for the upcoming season and are wrapping up Experiencing God, along with participating in Alpha at New Song. Through it all, we're reminded again that Jesus is the head of His church. Our prayer is that God would move us in whatever way He sees fit, mobilizing His church for the Kingdom work.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We're back at the university studying Vietnamese. Please pray we would improve our listening and speaking skills and use them in everyday conversations.
- Pray for us as we transition into the AMI Center that we would have clarity and discernment to see what God is inviting us into in this next season.
- Pray that God would give us humble hearts that love and obey well, and that we'd remain in Him as the vine, abiding daily so our lives and ministry flow from intimacy with Him rather than our own efforts.
- Please continue to pray for our health and for God's protection as we travel around on our motorbikes.

KAIROS CHURCH
OVER THE RHINE CHURCH STM

SHORT-TERM MISSION UPDATE

Cincinnati, Ohio July 3-July 11

A team from Kairos Church served alongside OTR Living Water Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, supporting the ministry through church projects, cleaning, community outreach, a sports camp, and youth night. The team served approximately 30 children and 10 adults, with 5–8 children accepting Christ.

Throughout the week, the team was encouraged by OTR's love for the inner-city community and learned to serve proactively and flexibly wherever needed. They also witnessed God's provision in both big and small ways—from clearing the rain just in time for their final sports tournament to seeing people respond openly to the gospel during outreach.

There was so much receptivity to the gospel during our outreach. In one instance, the gospel was shared with a group of brothers in their early to mid-twenties who displayed great engagement and interest. Following this, the OTR staff that were present commented on how shocking it was to see so many of them actively listening as the gospel message was being shared.

THE BLESSING CHURCH
COBAN STM

SHORT-TERM MISSION UPDATE

Cobán, Guatemala · June 13–June 20

Breaking bread with TBC STMers & the Cobán Staff

Snack Time for the Sweet Children of Caserío Xalcata

Walking to 5:30 am Prayer for QT: The Bread and Butter of STM... and Just Life

La Igelsia de La Gracia loving their neighbors in Caserío Xalcata (ft. TBC)

The STM team from The Blessing Church came alongside the missionaries in Cobán, Guatemala, serving families and children in Caserío Xalcata, a remote village about an hour from campus. The team hosted a VBS, visited families in their homes, and supported a food and clothing drive with La Gracia Church. A particularly meaningful moment came at the beginning of VBS when Pastora Theo Linda of New Jerusalem Church prayed, “Thank you, Father God, that You would not forget the children of this village.” Though her prayer reached the team through two layers of translation–from Q’eqchi’ to Spanish to English–its message deeply moved the team and set the tone for their week of ministry.

The team was also encouraged to see relationships built over several years continue to bear fruit. Students who had previously participated in VBS began returning as volunteers, inviting friends and even involving their parents in serving the village. Seeing La Gracia Church members, students, and families come together to serve an often-overlooked community was a beautiful picture of the vision to raise up a new generation of Guatemalans who care for and share Christ’s love with their neighbors. Through the experience, the team was reminded that God has not forgotten His people and is worthy of being sought first with their time, attention, and whole hearts.

CHURCH OF SOUTHLAND ANAHEIM
JAPAN STM

SHORT-TERM MISSION UPDATE

Tokyo, Japan · June 23-June 30

The STM team came alongside Pastor Jason and Jessica to support their ministry by helping facilitate a weekend retreat through worship, small groups, hospitality, meal preparation, children's ministry, and prayer. Despite typhoon warnings, many participants traveled more than four hours to attend. The team was encouraged to see the fruit of P. Jason's faithful ministry as believers and seekers gathered together, with seekers feeling welcomed, engaging in honest conversations about faith, and responding deeply to P. Emerson's messages. Through worship, prayer, teaching, and fellowship, the team witnessed hearts opening to the gospel and the Holy Spirit working in participants' lives.

The team also saw God's provision throughout the weekend. The rain stopped each time equipment needed to be loaded or unloaded, several people who had not planned to attend had their schedules unexpectedly open up, and others who planned to leave early chose to stay for the entire retreat. Serving together also strengthened the team as they supported one another, adapted to challenges, and built meaningful relationships through practical acts of service. Through it all, they were reminded that God was already at work and their role was to join Him in what He was doing.

CHURCH OF SOUTHLAND - ANAHEIM
BRIDGE OF THE VALLEY/ NAVAJO NATION STM

SHORT-TERM MISSION UPDATE

SCOTTSDALE · ARIZONA July 1–July 12

The STM team from Church of Southland, Anaheim, partnered with Bridge of the Valley Church (BVC) to support the church's growth by hosting a Science Camp VBS, while also bringing the same program to children in the Navajo Nation. Through teaching, activities, and relationships with the children and families, the team had opportunities to share God's love and the gospel in both communities.

Serving in the Navajo Nation opened the team's eyes to the continued need for the gospel within communities in the United States and reminded them that their shared desire to know God transcends cultural differences. The team was especially encouraged to hear that following the Science Camp, many nonbelieving families visited BVC on Sundays. They witnessed God at work as children and parents heard the Word, encountered the gospel, and were encouraged to take steps toward connecting with the church.

THE BLESSING CHURCH STM
INSAN PERMATA ORPHANAGE

SHORT-TERM MISSION UPDATE

Pekanbaru, Indonesia · July 23–August 3

The STM team from The Blessing Church came alongside the missionaries to serve at Insan Permata Orphanage, hosting a five-day, Bible-based STEM program for the students. Throughout the week, the team supported and encouraged the missionaries and staff while building meaningful relationships and spending quality time with the children. One especially memorable moment was their final dinner together, when the team had the opportunity to serve the children and enjoy one last meaningful time of fellowship together.

CHURCH OF SOUTHLAND CHINO
PAUL CHURCH STM

SHORT-TERM MISSION UPDATE

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam · July 26–August 4

The STM team partnered with P. Loc and Paul Church in Biên Hòa City, Vietnam, to provide a “God-Centered Family” ministry program focused on marriage, parenting, communication, children’s activities, and prayer ministry. Although this was the church’s first time partnering with Paul Church, the team quickly formed meaningful, family-like relationships and experienced a deep sense of unity through their shared faith and worship.

Throughout the workshops and prayer ministry, the team witnessed God bringing salvation, renewal, and generational faith. Three people gave their lives to Christ, and families experienced powerful moments of prayer together, including fathers being deeply moved as they prayed alongside their wives and children. The team was also encouraged by testimonies of children whose faith helped lead their mothers and grandmothers to Christ, demonstrating how God is working through the next generation to draw entire families to Himself and build His Kingdom.

EAST COAST MEDICAL TEAM
COBAN STM

MEDICAL MISSIONS UPDATE

Cobán · Guatemala August 22–August 28

A 14-member medical STM team from Journey Church of Atlanta, Canvas City Church, Journey Community Church, OTR Living Water Church, and Remnant Westside Church served together in Cobán, Guatemala. The team provided clinical care to underserved communities, prayed with those they served, and sought opportunities to share the gospel and help nonbelievers encounter Christ. Throughout the STM, approximately 468 people received care at the clinic, and 27 people accepted Christ.

Many people in Cobán speak Q'eqchi', and many of the patients seen by the team were women, as husbands often work long hours or far from home and may only see their families periodically. Within this context, the team encountered many stories of broken relationships, separation, and emotional hurt.

One particularly meaningful encounter involved a woman who came for treatment to remove a foreign object from her finger but opened up about years of hurt from broken relationships. Similar stories of rejection and bitterness emerged among other patients, creating opportunities for the team to pray with them and encourage forgiveness and spiritual healing. Although some physical needs were beyond what the team could address with limited time and resources, they witnessed God's provision through the clinical care provided and powerful spiritual healing in the lives of those they served.

TAPESTRY CHURCH
INDONESIA STM

SHORT-TERM MISSION UPDATE

Pekanbaru · Indonesia July 10– July 23

The STM team from Tapestry Church partnered with P. Jonedy Umboh and his ministry in Indonesia to serve pastors and their spouses from across the country through a marriage/counseling retreat, equipping and encouraging them with biblically rooted truths about marriage and relationships. The team was especially grateful to support Pastor Jonedy's vision of caring for pastors and spouses who often have limited access to counseling and may experience isolation in ministry.

Throughout the retreat, prayer became the foundation of the team's ministry. As they prayed for the couples, God united the team and gave them a deeper understanding of His heart for the pastors and their marriages. They witnessed hearts being softened, marriages being restored, and participants recognizing how God's design for marriage reflects the gospel. The team was reminded that through prayer, God directs their steps and allows them to join in His work of bringing healing, peace, and strength to marriages and ministries.

CHURCH OF SOUTHLAND - ANAHEIM
PAPUA STM

SHORT-TERM MISSION UPDATE

Papua · Indonesia September 9–September 19

The medical STM team partnered with One Hope Church in Jakarta to support their exploratory ministry in Papua, Indonesia, providing medical clinics to several villages while sharing the gospel and praying with those they served. Throughout the trip, the team served approximately 300 people, with 60–70 people accepting Christ. The team was deeply encouraged to witness the global Church at work and experience how God is moving through the Holy Spirit in Papua.

Throughout the clinics and prayer ministry, the team witnessed healing, renewed hope, and spiritual transformation. One particularly meaningful encounter involved a stroke patient who had significant difficulty communicating and walking. After a time of confession, forgiveness, and prayer for healing, the team witnessed improvement in his ability to communicate and walk as he repeatedly declared, “God is good.” The team also witnessed people report improvements in blurry vision, pain, and other physical conditions, while others experienced freedom from spiritual burdens and found new hope amid difficult circumstances. Through these experiences, the team saw the Holy Spirit working powerfully—not only in the lives of those they served, but also in transforming their own hearts as they joined in God’s redemptive work in Papua.