

# Witness God's Activity Among the Nations

**This newsletter will highlight AMI's current missions work in Tokyo, Japan.**

AMI sent Eunmi Jun in 2018 to be a full-time missionary in Tokyo. Eunmi had first served as an AMI missionary for 8 years in another East Asia location. She spent the first two years focusing on language studies. Pastor Jason and Jessica Sato, along with their three children, were sent to also serve as missionaries in Japan, in 2019. They first lived in Yamato, and served at Yamato Calvary Chapel, and taught students at ICA, International Christian Academy. They moved to Tokyo in early 2022. Now, the Satos and Eunmi are preparing and praying to start an AMI church in Tokyo. They have been spending time prayer-walking in the city and on university campuses and meeting with local people to learn what God is doing in Tokyo. Due to cults and COVID-19, campuses are not opened to religious groups doing activities, but the team hopes to discover avenues to reach university students with the gospel.





**In 2021, Eunmi sensed the Lord giving her the idea to meet women in Tokyo through cooking Korean food as she learned about the culture's interest in Korean cuisine.**

She created small cooking class events on an event app and a few women at a time would sign up to attend at her home. She would learn and teach Korean cooking and she also teamed up with a few people from Church of Southland who taught other dishes to these new friends through Zoom. Over the past year, God has opened doors through these events for Eunmi to build relationships. In October, Jessica and Eunmi coordinated a special Fall edition apple pie class. The team also recently held a "Taste of America" class that focused on cooking a Thanksgiving meal, which the Church of Southland short term mission team led.

**Despite the difficulties of doing ministry in Japan, God is at work and revealing that people desire connection.**

**Continue to join in prayer for our missionaries, Pastor Jason, Jessica and Eunmi and their work in Japan!**

## Pray for Tokyo, Japan

- Eunmi, Jun, Jason and Jessica Sato  
Future Church Plant
- Effective follow up with people who attended Thanksgiving cooking outreach events.
- To be able to start English outreach at university campuses.
- To understand where God wants the team to focus as they sense many opportunities for outreach.
- To follow God as they focus on friendships and discern the time to share the gospel.
- For Eunmi and Jessica as they continue to have opportunities to build relationships with professional working women.
- For the Sato children's (Jonah, Lily, Ayla) health and adjustment to school and life in Tokyo.



## New Additions and Transitions in AMI Missions:

The Chung family transitioned back this past July to Orange County, California after serving in East Asia for 16 years. They planted New Life Church in 2010 and have raised up new pastors to lead the church. After a season of prayer, Pastor Sung has accepted the call to be the next senior pastor at Church of Southland in Anaheim after Pastor Keith Park's retirement.



Pastor Alessandro di Leonardo joined AMI this year. He ministers in Cisterna di Latina, Italy and leads Living Word Church, a congregation of Filipino immigrants. He and his wife, Allison, have two children, Adanasio and Annalisa.



Pastor Andrew Kim transitioned from Tapestry LA Church to Montreal, Canada this year to be the pastor at Alive Church, a congregation of Korean immigrants. He and his wife, Jessie, have two children, Micah and Aaron.



## Praise Reports

- Even though leadership transition is challenging and New Life Church deeply miss the Chung family, this season has been a time of focusing on following God and there is a clear sense of growth in relying on God.
- This year, AMI International School in Coban, Guatemala was able to fully start in-person classes with 92 students enrolled from Preschool to Grade 4. The students have opportunities to grow spiritually and learn Bible verses through assemblies and chapels.
- Revival Church continues their weekly food ministry to hospital patients. 120-150 meals are served each week and they share the gospel with the patients. People have experienced both emotional and physical healing. One woman returned to her hometown and found a local church to join their worship service after hearing the gospel through the food ministry. From the beginning of this ministry until now, 264 people have come to Christ and 12 people joined a Bible study at Revival Church.



- Newsong Church held a summer camp for youth and young adults in July in partnership with a short term missions team from Church of Southland. Some people joined from Revival Church and Living Water Church in Hai Phong. Praise God for the spiritual breakthroughs in the hearts of young people.



- Missionary Kate Moon is currently on a long-awaited sabbatical. Due to travel restrictions and the impact on ministry during the COVID pandemic, her sabbatical was postponed until this year. She is spending her sabbatical in Orange County with family and attending Church of Southland.
- A new pastor, sent by New Life Church, transitioned to leading River City Church. Along with a few other leaders, they have been on rotation with leading morning prayer and preaching on Sundays.
- There have been many new visitors to Thrive Church, including married couples with children, who have decided to commit to the church. The freshman class in their college ministry is also growing in number after COVID pandemic impacting the student ministry.



- Thrive Church plans to start a second Sunday service that will be Mandarin-speaking only (versus Mandarin-English bilingual) at the start of 2023.
- In July, Pastor Afu Sun at New Life Church in East Asia was ordained. Also, Pastor Reo Lin and Jacob Zheng were licensed. Then, Pastor Jacob transitioned to lead the congregation at River City Church.
- A small team from Grace Covenant Church Singapore served on a short term mission trip to New Song Church and held a Thanksgiving English outreach.



## Fun Facts

- Living Word Church has been praying together on Thursday nights. It has been a transformative time for the people attending. One woman became a believer recently at one of the prayer meetings.
- In October, Pastor Alessandro and his wife, Allison attended an intensive training in Rome for church planters from all throughout Europe. There were many things they learned that they hope to implement in their ministry.
- Pastor Emerson at Providence Church moved with his family to an area of the city that is closer to several college campuses. They started to host gatherings at their homes and Bible studies to evangelize to college students.



- Living Water Language Center started English classes this past September with a beginning enrollment of 70 students who are mostly university students. These students were invited to Thanksgiving events and the winter camp at the end of December where they will have the opportunity to hear the gospel from our missionaries, AMI interns and short term mission team members.
- There are currently 10 one year interns serving in different locations under our missionaries: Guatemala, Taiwan, Japan, and Vietnam. Follow their updates on the AMI 1 year interns Instagram account (@going\_ami).
- Living Water Church started an intensive discipleship class called James John Paul to equip 12 Hmong students.



- The construction projects at AMI missions center in Coban, Guatemala have resumed. They are working on building a sports center, high school building, a new church location/auditorium, and a clinic to provide medical help

## Prayer Requests



### East Asia River City Church Z family

- Transition for Pastor J as new pastor at RCC
- Strength and anointing for prayer and preaching team.
- For RCC to become soldiers of Jesus Christ.
- Kate Moon's sabbatical: for vision, direction for future ministry upon returning to the city
- Pray for the country, government, and people



**East Asia  
New Life Church  
S Family**

- For congregation to seek God as they go through leadership transition
- Campus ministry is very difficult - pray for endurance and favor
- Pray for the country, government, and people



**East Asia  
Providence Church  
C and L Families**

- COVID policies change frequently leading to worship structure changing - pray for restructuring of the church so that everyone can worship consistently  
Greater unity in the midst of gathering policies
- Pray for members who are going through mental illness and also physical illness
- Pray for students from campus ministries to encounter God
- Pray for the country, government, and people



**Hai Phong, Vietnam**  
**Living Water Church**  
**Davey & Trina Pham**

- Several discipleship and Bible courses are being taught - many are disciples from other areas who will return to their churches
- To obtain a church permit  
Current English language classes being held at the language center
- To be able to share the gospel with these students at a winter camp being held at the end of December



**Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**  
**Newsong Church**  
**Phi Tran**

- English outreach classes with 40+ students
- Started cell groups recently - prayer for leaders and members
- People experience healing and deliverance :prayers for the church's ministry and reliance on the Holy Spirit



**Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**  
**Revival Church**  
**Phuong Truong**

- Church has several church sites - pray for Love Church site to obtain a better worship location
- For construction and safety in Binh Duong province
- Continuous favor for evangelism ministry and food ministry (55,000 meals have been served and 264 new believers came through ministry to hospital patients, 12 joined Bible study)
- Pray for the 14 cell groups



**Singapore**  
**Grace Covenant Church**  
**Paul Liu**

- Rent price in Singapore increases due to more people moving in from Hong Kong and Shanghai, pray for a rental office space
- Professional and families face high stress and sickness
- Pray for deeper commitment to God and the church for the younger, newer families
- Pray for new staff transitions and staff unity



**Pekanbaru, Indonesia**  
**Insan Permata Orphanage & Glow**  
**Fellowship Church**  
**Jonedy Umboh**

- Pray for the new worship service that started for parents of the students
- Constructions of the school as materials become more experience
- Favor in presidential election 2024 for a representative for the church
- To be a light in the M community



**Coban, Guatemala**  
**Iglesia La Gracia & AMI International**  
**School**  
**Elder John Kim & Jon Moon**

- Praise report for 8 members who got baptized this year
- Pray for the new men's ministry that just started, mainly for recovering alcoholics 92 students currently in school, 5 came to know Jesus recently
- Praise God for good feedback from parents and students for the school - pray for more school teachers
- Pray for another full-time worker who can share either the principal role or pastor role with Jon Moon as both church and school grows



**Montreal, Canada**  
**Alive Church**  
**Andrew Kim**

- Consolidation of church members as church recently relaunched and is seeing people return
- Continuous transition for Kim family to adjust to living in Montreal



**Athens, Greece**  
**Aabe Hayaat Hellas**  
**Grace Kim**

- Sister Grace: Spiritual protection and physical health
- Divine appointments in reaching refugees with the gospel
- For the Aabe Hayaat team to trust in God's provision for their work in Athens
- For Aabe Hayaat leaders who have returned to Germany and Netherlands after the leader's retreat
- Pray for Iran as there is much unrest



**Cisterna di Latina, Italy**  
**Living Word Church**  
**Alessandro di Leonardo**

- Language Acquisition: Italian and Tagalog (Filipino Language)
- Training of leadership team at Living Word Church
- Future opportunity of college ministry at La Sapienza, one of the largest colleges in Europe (pray for relationship and conversations with CRU staff in Rome)
- Physical and Spiritual health for the family



**Taipei, Taiwan**  
**Thrive Church**  
**David Son**

- Praise report: freshman class in college ministry is growing
- Praise report: more families with children are joining the church
- For a second worship service that will be Mandarin-speaking only to start in early 2023
- For 6 members who are currently attending seminary for ministry training

## **Upcoming Opportunities: AMI 1 Year Internships :**

This opportunity to serve for one year under the guidance of an AMI missionary is open to college graduates/young adults.

The application period has begun and will close on January 13, 2023. Visit [goingami.com](http://goingami.com) for the application, pray and talk to your pastor, and follow [@going\\_ami](https://www.instagram.com/going_ami) on Instagram!

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## **Coming Soon in Winter 2023:**

Updates about 2023 Short Term Mission Opportunities