

LoveJapan Mission Trip Report

13-22 May 2016

Day 1

The team met at 6.10am in Changi Airport. Esther and Yong Wee blessed the team with prayers and sent us off. The team arrived at Narita Airport smoothly and we proceeded to Sendai via the Shinkansen. After meeting Pastor Caleb and Pastor Christina, we headed to the supermarket to buy fresh ingredients for our ministry at the Temporary Housing Unit (THU).

Day 2

The morning devotion was led by Pastor Christina on Psalm 34. The devotion ended with a group prayer for Japan. The team then started preparation of food for THU. In the afternoon, we joined the e-circle, played whisper game and paired up with the Japanese e-circle members to practise conversational English. Church service started after e-circle. As it was Pentecost Sunday, Pastor Caleb preached on the Holy Spirit. Yin Toa shared her experiences with the Holy Spirit.

Day 3

Pastor Caleb, Pastor Christina, Yuko, Tai and the team set off at 7am to Kesenuma. Pastor Christina shared about the volunteer relief work at Kumamoto, and she encouraged the churches to go beyond self and serve without walls. The team led two worship songs and Pastor Caleb shared about Holy Spirit. Although the church is a traditional Baptist church, we could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the service and the congregation was moved. Elin shared her testimony after the sermon.



A group from Korean students from Youth With A Mission (YWAM) also presented a song item and shared their passion for Japan. After lunch, the team left for Goenmohara THU. We prepared lunch and introduced two exercises to the elderly. They participated enthusiastically and enjoyed the games. With the help from the Korean team, we served mee goreng, gula melaka agar-agar, green bean soup with sweet potatoes, strawberries and rice crackers to the elderly. Many of the elderly gave favourable feedback and had second servings of the food.



Yuko and Pastor Caleb led some games and songs. Elin shared about how God has blessed her family. Pastor Caleb ended the event with “God Bless You” song, a word of prayer and massage for those who needed it. The team proceeded to visit Junko and Kenichi’s house. Pastor Caleb blessed the couple and the house. We sang “God Bless You”. We left Kesennuma at around 6pm.



Day 4

It was rest-and-relax day for all. The team went hiking at Mizu no Mori park in the morning. Then, we went to Costco and shopped for ingredients and items that were needed for the coming events

Day 5

After devotion, we assisted Yuko in the preparation of food for Kid’s Door. Kid’s Door is a free tuition centre sponsored by the local government for students from poor families. At Kid’s Door, we served them dinner and Elin gave a career talk. Elin shared about working as a cabin crew and encouraged the students to speak English and build good relationships with friends and family. The students were responsive and asked good questions.



Day 6

The team taught English songs and craft at Kid’s Corner while Pastor Christina and Rose talked to the children’s mothers.



We prepared and served dinner at the cell group meeting. Elin accompanied worship with piano. Each team member shared why they decided to join the LoveJapan team and what their experiences were for the past five days.



Pastor Caleb shared about the importance of speaking in tongues. The cell meeting ended with the group praying in tongues.

Day 7

Yuko brought the team for a prayer walk at Sendai castle and Hirose river. At Sendai Castle, we saw a huge statue of a goddess overseeing Sendai city that aroused uncomfortable feelings. We prayed for the binding of the evil spirit. We also prayed for hope, peace, love and God's blessing and presence at Sendai city. At Hirose River, we visited the memorial site for Christian martyrs. We sang the song "It's Your blood that cleanses me", prayed for revival, forgiveness and declared that Christianity will flourish in Sendai.



After lunch, we went to church and observed Kid's Brown class. We introduced ourselves to the kids, interacted with the mothers and invited them to church on Saturday. We had a debrief session on our prayer walk with the pastors. Pastor Fukushi from Yokohama visited FCBC Sendai and shared how God saved her and her family. We joined hands and prayed for Sendai before we called it a day.



Day 8

The team led by Yuko, walked around the church's vicinity and gave out flyers to promote Singapore Night. We went into convenient stores, souvenir shops, post office and invited the staff there. We visited Chiaki who works at NHK Broadcast Centre with the intention of inviting her colleagues to Singapore Night. Chiaki took us on an informative and interesting tour inside NHK.



We shopped for more ingredients and started food preparation for Singapore Night in the evening.

Day 9

The team spent the whole morning and afternoon cooking with guidance from Yin Toa and Pastor Christina.



At 3pm, we went to the church for service. The Singapore Night party, with a Singapore Airlines theme, started at 7.30pm. The team and Yuko wore the air stewardess' uniform and Pastor Caleb had a pilot cap.



Mee goreng, fried bee-hoon, gaduh-gaduh, agar-agar, green bean soup and cocktail fruit spritzer were served. Yuko and Elin were the emcees for the night. Siew Yin and Yin Toa led charades and a Singapore guessing game. The audience enjoyed themselves and there was so much laughter.



Elin shared her testimony about how God helped her to be the salt and light and stayed away from temptation as a stewardess. The party ended with blessing and birthday celebration for all who were born in May.



Day 9

Goodbye Sendai!

