

# Giesbrechts Prayer Letter



*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John13:34-35)*

## Thank you for being a part of God's work in Osaka, Japan! Here are brief updates

**Team Visit:** We thank God for sending Port Moody PGMB Church team to Osaka (Feb.19th-March 5th). Praise God for the mobilization of more than 100 prayer partners for Japan through this team!

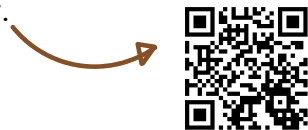
**Tobita:** Cory continues to run into different people who are working in this neighbourhood, including community kitchen staff and Airbnb owners. We hope to have another worship gathering in this area soon.

**Business as Mission:** Praise God that Cory returned from his 1st business trip with Masashi. This will be in addition to what we are already doing here. Pray for new or deeper connections to local people in this new harvest field.

**Roses Park Church:** Please read the story below!

**Partnership Raising:** We thank God that our financial partnership is at 93% of the goal. Thank you for your partnerships! Please continue to pray that God will send out even more workers into the harvest field of Japan. (By praying, giving or going)

**Facebook Group:** We have created a new Facebook group to update our prayer and praise items more frequently.



PMPG Church Team  
at Osaka University Prayer Walk:

We praise God that the Holy Spirit moved in the hearts of several students, many of whom had never heard about Jesus before. One particular student was even moved to tears during prayer.

## Love one another (Roses Park Church)

“Why is Kei, who is intelligent, young and healthy, not able to hold down a job or a permanent address?” I wondered.

I met Kei at the Roses park church in 2024. He was new to the neighbourhood (Nishinari) so we warned him to be careful of the local apartments since they are mostly owned by the Yakuza (Japanese mafia). Kei is a sweet young man but easily taken advantage of. Sure enough, later on when Kei refused to give his ID card to his landlord, he was evicted and they managed to make him lose his factory job as well.

Although Kei attended university, he is currently living at a homeless shelter and working without pay for a local shady business man. Kei occasionally comes to the park church and also helps out making rice balls for the poor in the evening. He often says that he is 50% Christian.

One day I told him that the great thing about walking with Jesus is that we come to really love ourselves the way that God made us. He responded, “What is wrong with not loving ourselves?” I realized that I took it for granted how my (abuse free) family upbringing set me up for life, work and relationships. Let’s pray that Kei will 100% experience the healing and transforming love of Jesus!

During Christmas time, we invited people from the park church to our house for the very first time. It was an answer to a prayer that Kei could come. This was a very satisfying experience since it seemed to fill in something that is missing from our park church community - a sense of family. I was so glad to share our family traditions with these friends we have known for years. We pray that God will provide more opportunities for the Roses church to get together in this kind of intimate family setting. May God make us to be a family where we can learn to love ourselves and each other the way God does.

### Praise Items:

For the two weeks we had with Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church Team  
(below are some of the thanksgiving from the team)

- For the deep healing for a Roses church member by the Spirit in prayer time
- For time of testimonies and fellowships at Bushi Camp
- For unexpected visitor from the USA joined us to escape the rain at Roses Church (Catholic background) and time of discovery bible study together
- For time at El Roi, the children’s home (an orphanage of about 50 kids)
- Please continue to keep the orphanage in prayer, as they continue to grow in that environment, and pray that the home will go back to its Christian roots.

### Prayer Requests:

- For El Roi (Read above)
- For Kei that he will be able to trust Jesus 100%.
- For Roses Park Church, that they will love one another that the people of Nishinari will come to know Jesus through them.