

JCFN Director Letter

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I praise the name of the Lord. I was eagerly awaiting the end of this heatwave, wondering how much longer it would last, and finally, we've started to experience days that feel like autumn. It seems that COVID-19 and influenza are still prevalent, but I pray that your journey continues to be protected today.

◎ 7th Japan Evangelism Conference ◎



The 7th Japan Evangelism Conference (JCE7), organized by the Japan Evangelical Association (JEA), was held at Nagaragawa International Conference Center in Gifu City from September 19 to 22. On the 21st & 22nd, a forum was held for overseas missionary work and Japanese churches, known as the Global Japanese Christian Forum (GJCF). Mrs. Okada and Mr. Goto from JCFN were added to the GJCF preparatory committee. On the 21st, a pre-meeting for the main forum on the 22nd was held, attended by nearly 80 people. Furthermore, the main forum on the 22nd attracted over 100 participants. It provided an opportunity to hear testimonies from returnees, senders, and receivers. During the main forum on the 22nd, a discussion was held on concrete steps that can be taken in the future, allowing everyone to share their thoughts. The program content for this forum was entrusted to the JCFN staff, and it was a blessing to focus on the theme of "returnees." We pray that it will serve as a catalyst for moving from "ending" to "beginning" in mission cooperation and reinforce our commitment to the ongoing efforts in the Tokai region and throughout Japan.

◎ GiFT ◎

Growing in Fellowship Tokyo (GiFT) meetings for returnees in Tokyo have been planning events bimonthly, gathering returnees and providing encouragement. On Saturday, July 29th, Summer Celebration was held at the 8th-floor chapel of Ochanomizu Christian Center. Additionally, a picnic was planned for Saturday, September 9th at Yoyogi Park, but due to rain, the venue was changed, and a time of fellowship was held instead. The next event, a hike, is scheduled for November 4th. As COVID-19 restrictions ease, more activities are expected in the future. Pray that core members among returnees will be raised up for this ministry. Please continue to pray for GiFT.



✿ Please pray for JCFN ✿

◎At the JCE7 forum, discussions about follow-up support for returnees was held. We hope this leads to further improvement in support for returnees, your prayers are greatly appreciated.

◎We shared about GiFT, but activities also continue in other regions, such as INSPA (Aichi), Chushikoku, ANRK (Kansai), and more. Please pray that these regional activities will be guided and blessed in the future, and that new gatherings for returnees will be established in new regions.

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