



Japanese Christian Fellowship Network

Praise the name of our Lord!

Thank you for your prayers for JCFN. We greatly appreciate your involvement with the ministries of JCFN as supporting members.

JCFN is facing another great challenge this year in regards to staffing. Our Japan staff, Chihiro Okada gave birth to her first child (Praise the Lord!) and now works part-time. Also, our US Office staff, Machiko Saito, has completed her second term and resigned from her position. Therefore, one of our top priorities is recruitment and maintaining a stronger financial base to support new workers. Even in the midst of these challenges, God continues to work. We can witness expansion of regional meetings and small groups in Japan, to receive and follow-up returnees. Next year, at Global Returnees Conference in May, we anticipate more people to be excited and equipped to welcome and follow-up returnees. As JCFN's ministry moves past the 25th anniversary into the future, we're amazed how God has done His mighty work through this small ministry of returnees helping returnees. It's an honor and privilege to witness His work.

This is only possible because of people like you, who support this ministry. We thank God for you. We covet your prayers for all of us involved in JCFN ministry that God will equip us and we will build up the Kingdom of God in Japan and around the world. We appreciate your prayers.

The donations we receive as a membership fee of supporting members will be used to maintain JCFN ministries and to create the "Returnee Kit" to help prepare returnees. We have sent out 11 kits and followed up 82 people. Here is a testimony of one returnee.

I became a Christian when I was studying abroad only for three months in Costa Mesa, California. I was baptized as the second person for this home fellowship called "Ochanoma" which Mao & Setsu Shimizu held. Then, I returned to Japan two days after that. Since April 2016, I moved to Iwata, Shizuoka where I began working. Currently, I'm a member of Japan Alliance Christ Church, Iwata Christ Church. After I returned to Japan, because I got connected with JCFN, I could join JCFN Shibuya returnees small group where I was able to have wonderful fellowship with those around my age. Even after I moved to Shizuoka, I got connected to Hamamatsu Small Group and I continued to spend blessed time with brothers in Christ. I'm most thankful that I could worship the Lord every week. Whenever I hear testimonies and sharing from other returnees, I'm reminded that this is such a blessing. It's such a comfort and encouragement to know there are brothers and sisters who have experienced similar situations. This became more evident to me when I moved from Tokyo to Shizuoka where there were almost no returnees Christian friends. This type of fellowship was something I longed for when I didn't have it. That's why it is so important and vital for returnees to support each other. Because God knew what I needed, He had provided everything I needed through JCFN. When I attended EC (Equipper Conference) at the end of 2016, I was able to reconfirm God's blessings that had supported me all along. God also gave me desire to grow as Christ's disciple and a vision to support those brothers and sisters who are going through similar difficulties.

"The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:1-4

Since April of 2017, I became a member of Iwata Church and am building up the church with others. I continue to seek God's will for my role in the church and in the Hamamatsu Small Group. I pray that this testimony will be an encouragement to others and contribute to the work of salvation.

In Christ,

Masashi Obi

We ask you to join the ministry of JCFN as a supporting member. Please register or renew to become a supporting member to help JCFN to minister returnees like Masashi.

Below are instructions & description concerning supporting membership.
Also how to register/renew your supporting membership.
Please read thoroughly.

【How to make a payment for supporting member fee】

Credit Card (international)	Please go to(https://www.jcfn.org/db/profpmpy.php) and log in, and make payment
Check (U.S Dollars)	Checks payable to JCFN, and mail it to JCFN. Address is P.O. Box 17982, Irvine, CA 92623-7982
Yucho Bank (Japan Post Bank)	Deposit to the following Yucho Account. Name: JCFN Account No: 00100-8-565348 Please write in the memo your name, address, phone number and 'Supporting Member'
Mizuho Bank (Japan)	Deposit at the following account. Mizuho GinkoKudanShiten: Store No:532, Account No: 1161342 Account Name: JCFNDaihyoGoto Maki

If you haven't yet signed up to be a JCFN member, please go to the JCFN Homepage (<http://jcfn.org>) and sign up!

【Description of Supporting Member】

Period	July to June (12 months)
Renewal	We will email you renewal notice each June. Please register and donate the membership fee.
Cancellation	Automatic cancelation if you don't renew the supporting membership. You'll maintain a status of general membership.
Fee*	\$30/year (3,000yen)
Optional donation*	You can add an optional donation when you pay for your supporting membership fee.
Options	Credit card(US\$),Check(North America only), Postal account transfer(Japan), Bank account transfer(Japan)

*Donations in the U.S. are tax deductible.

Thank you so much!

Setsu Shimizu, North America Director

Chihiro Okada, Japan Director