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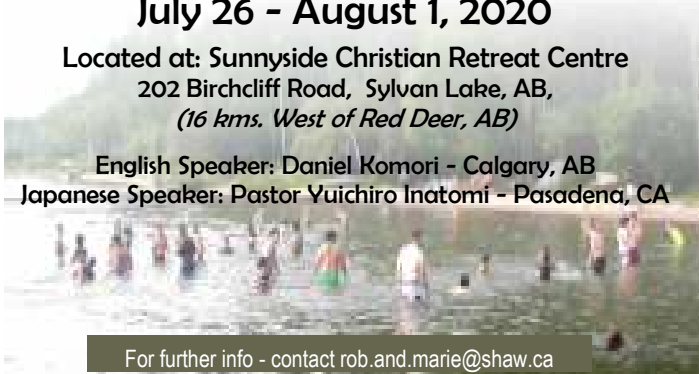
Sunnyside Camp:

July 26 - August 1, 2020

Located at: Sunnyside Christian Retreat Centre
202 Birchcliff Road, Sylvan Lake, AB,
(16 kms. West of Red Deer, AB)

English Speaker: Daniel Komori - Calgary, AB

Japanese Speaker: Pastor Yuichiro Inatomi - Pasadena, CA



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"Camp plans are continuing as usual at this time. If changes occur, you will be notified as soon as possible"

Northeast Christian Nikkei 2020 Conference

By Makiba Tamai

At the NENCC Committee

meetings, we have been discussing three topics since fall of last year:

- (1) Planning a new fellowship picnic in May, (2) Planning a day conference in September/October, and
- (3) Re-designing vision of NENCC.

At this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unsure if we can hold the picnic that is planned for Saturday, May 16 in Stouffville, Ontario. Once a decision is made in this regard, we will post this on our webpage at

<https://sites.google.com/view/nencc/>.

Please refer to this webpage for the other events as well. □



Of What Can We Be Certain?

By Nori Kanashiro, General Director

In our daily conversation and communications with each other over the phone, emails or in written publications, we have all heard and read the expression, "in these uncertain times..." in reference to this unprecedented COVID-19 environment. I have used this phrase a number of times myself when writing or talking to my friends.

In a recent article on the internet which spoke about how COVID-19 pandemic was going to interrupt global economy and life in general as we know it, the writer used the word "uncertain" a number of times. Deep down, we all know there is no such thing as being "certain" when it comes to knowing what will happen next. We cannot with certainty predict what will happen moments ahead of us, yet we act as if we are in full control of this world. It just took a little virus to set our world into chaos. As another writer wrote, "We are living in fear, not of missiles flying, but of a simple sneeze ...". Will man ever learn how fragile, weak and finite he really is? Not likely, but some will. We are hearing of those who have turned to God in this crisis, and doubtlessly, many more will.

God our creator, designed humanity to be dependent on him in every aspect of human life, with His promises of harmony and blessings. His Word says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) Yet, man has chosen to ignore and walk in his own independent ways, resulting in the chaos and devastation which we are witnessing today.

In midst of this, the Bible encourages us, "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NLT).

Let us stand in the certainty of God presence and His promises. □



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By Pastor Tom Horiuchi

With the church vision 2020; *“The glorious riches of this mystery which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”* (Colossians 1:27), we will seek to make known the truth of this mystery in our church and in our community.

As a result of the pandemic, CJGC/Gracepoint Fellowship have been meeting online each Sunday since Sun. March 22. Our plan to have a weekend Retreat with Pastor Akira Takano from the Yonezawa Kojo Church on June 19-21 had to be postponed to September or October.

When the wind and the waves brought fear of death to the disciples on the Sea of Galilee, “Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” (Mark 4:39).

Let us rebuke the coronavirus and say, “Stop the infection! Give healings to the patients quickly!” with the authority and the name of the Lord Jesus, who is the Almighty, the ruler over the heaven and the earth - raising our hands in believing prayer. □



Calgary Japanese Gospel Church / Gracepoint Fellowship congregational photo 2019

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“I exist for God ...”

Testimony by Tomohito Ogasawara

I came to Canada in January 2005 and studied English and the Bible at Providence College, located in Otterburne, MB, approximately 50 km southeast of Winnipeg. I studied there for one and a half years and following that, found employment in the city of Winnipeg.

I have now been involved with the Winnipeg Japanese Alliance Church for about 14 years. This church has its roots extending back to 1966, and started by Rev. Nobuo Matsubara and his wife Yoneko, shortly after returning from Japan after serving as missionaries there for a number of years. We know that the Christian population in Japan is very small, but God’s hand continues to lead, guide and encourage each church. In a similar way, our church in Winnipeg is small, but the evidence of God’s hand at work on our behalf is very encouraging. My hope is that this church will grow and more Japanese people will accept Christ through the ministries of our church.

I started to go to church (in Japan) in my mid 20’s, and since I grew up in a non-Christian home, everything about church was new and different. At the beginning, I was not prepared to make a commitment to the faith since I didn’t read the Bible very much, and continued to refuse the invitation from the pastor to study the Bible together. I wasn’t going to the church regularly, and kept my stubbornness while looking for peace and the meaning to my life. For more than 10 years I had maintained this attitude and was becoming less and less connected to the church. In God’s providence, around that time I faced many difficult challenges in my life that gave me the opportunity to think about God more seriously. As I reconsidered God and asked questions and searched for answers, I came to realize that I had misunderstood God. I also recognized how proud I really was. In other words, I had been thinking that “God exists FOR ME”. When I finally realized how selfish I was to use God to meet my desires, I decided to accept Jesus as my Saviour.

When I face life’s challenges now, I pray to God and am amazed how merciful He is when He answers my prayers. I would like to always remember that “I exist FOR GOD” and not the other way round. □



Tomihito Ogasawara

Editor’s Note:

Tomohito Ogasawara, is the newest member of the Board of Directors of CJM, being elected to the Board at the AGM 2019. CJM is grateful for the participation and contribution of young men of God from various parts of our country where witnesses to the Gospel of Christ are actively pursued in the Japanese community.

CJM AGM/Conf 2020 has been postponed until the fall of this year, Lord willing. At this time, we are hoping that it will be feasible to plan the fall date by August 1, 2020.

Edmonton Japanese Christian Church

Meeting at
Zion Baptist Community Church
9802 - 76th Ave. NW, Edmonton, AB
Sunday bilingual Worship Service - 2:00 pm.
Pastor Toshihiro Tamura Tel: 587-986-8161
Email: tamuratoshihiro1981@gmail.com
Website: www.ejcc.ca



Pastor Toshihiro Hiromi Tamura
with daughter Hinata (8)

by Pastor Toshihiro Tamura

To all our brothers and sisters in the Lord, Praise be to our Lord!

As a continuation of last year's focus of moving towards establishing our church's vision, we at EJCC have planned for this year to learn from the Bible about the notion of "rest" and to practice it.

God ordained the day of rest, the Sabbath, as part of his Creation. It is an absolutely necessary aspect of sustaining and nurturing a healthy relationship with God. Please pray that as we develop a wholesome relationship with God, each of us can seek God's voice and mutually share our vision. We are planning to have a 3-day church retreat in September to help us in achieving this. We are preparing and praying that we not only learn about the Lord's Sabbath, but that we can also savour "rest" together in a deeper and enriching way by spending time away from our everyday lives.

The church held its AGM in February, and Rui Nakao, who had chaired the board for several years stepped down from the board. We are thankful for his many years of faithful service to the Lord and to the church. We the church pray that the Lord would give him a meaningful opportunity to rest and be refreshed. The board has not yet decided on a new board chair, but we are hopeful that we can continue in mutually loving, supporting, praying and walking

with one another, as we lift up Jesus as the head of our church. Please pray that God will guide us as we seek to select our next board chair. May the Lord's abundant grace and blessing be upon all of you, our brothers and sisters. □



An enjoyable ice skating night



Christmas potluck 2019 following the annual Christmas service

Winnipeg Japanese Alliance Church

Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church
549 Gertrude Ave. W., Winnipeg, MB R2L 0M9
Sunday Worship Service: 2:00 pm.
c/o Miyako Ogasawara - Leader
Email: winnipegjapanesechurch@gmail.com
Website: www.wjac.weebly.com



Leaders Tom & Miyako Ogasawara
with sons Kei (6 yrs.) & Yuma (3 yrs.)

By Miyako Ogasawara

As is our tradition, at the end of January 2020, we held our annual New Year's party. This year's party also served as a reception for Pastor Bruce Yarow and Gladys Drew, who were married in the fall of 2019, and so it was a much livelier

gathering than usual. Bruce, who has been attending WJAC (Winnipeg Japanese Alliance Church) for many years, worked as a school teacher and after retirement became a pastor. He has helped our church through his messages for many years. Gladys is from the United States and her mother is a Japanese. Soon after Gladys moved to Winnipeg, Bruce gave a testimony of their experience. They spoke about how God worked for them in each situation, including the story of their encounter and decision for marriage. Their wedding took place in Denver, Colorado, and subsequently moved to Winnipeg. Their marriage, being an international one, between Canada and the United States, there were many difficult issues they had to work through, such as visa procedures, but God enabled and they overcame the difficulties successfully. The New Year's party was also attended by a number of Bruce's long-time friends. During the meal, some people were new to sushi and Japanese food. It was a joy to meet new visitors, and do some interesting things such as explaining the food and teaching them how to hold chopsticks. It was a great time of fellowship. □



Group photo of the New Year's party together with reception in honour of Bruce & Gladys wedding earlier in the fall of 2019

*"God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble"
Psalm 46:1*

VICTORIA JAPANESE CHURCH

Meeting at First Baptist Church
877 North Park St., Victoria, BC V8W 1S9
Sunday Worship service - 1:30 pm.
Pastor Yutaka Ishiguro Tel: 778-265-6092
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Website: www.vicjapanesechurch.com



Pastor Yutaka & Miho Ishiguro

by Pastor Yutaka Ishiguro

We give praise to the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus.

We are very thankful to our Lord, as He has blessed the Victoria Japanese Church, leading us with His deep love to this day in the year 2020.

The theme verse for 2020 is taken from Hosea 6:3; *“Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to*

acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

The Lord has taught us through this verse that God has a great blessing for us. He wants us to know more and more about God our Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We are promised the fruit of His blessings, just as the sun rises and heats up our hearts; and showers us with His blessings, bringing us to a deeper knowledge of Him! Hallelujah!! Thank you Lord.

At our New Year’s worship service, a number of ladies dressed up in their kimonos to show their gratitude for the New Year.

This seemed to invoke heartwarming emotions and memories for the church, as if we were all in Japan.



Ladies in their beautiful kimonos for the New Years service

In March our hearts were warmed and filled with joy, as a young couple came forward requesting membership in our church. This couple has brought

many gifts to our church already. What joy it brought to our hearts. We also want you to rejoice together with us about another event. On Easter Sunday we are

planning a baptism. Please pray that God will bless this time and lead others to give their life to our Lord and Saviour.

It is our prayer that all the churches in Canada will give thanks to our Lord for His blessings, and help us to encourage each other through the work of CJM. □



Young couple dedicated as they become members of VJC

Montreal Japanese Christian Fellowship

Meeting at Peoples Church (basement)
2097 Union Ave., Montreal, QC
Bible Study: 2:00 pm. (3rd Sunday of the month)
Fellowship/Events: (1st Sunday of the month)
Contact: Haruyo Yoshino-Platt or Kyoko Matthew
Email: montrealjapanesechristian@gmail.com
Tel: 514-342-8509 Website: www.mjcf.ca



Haruyo Yoshino-Platt, husband Richard with son Jonathan and daughter Aiko

By Haruyo Yoshino-Platt

Greetings from Montreal! We are all facing a lot of uncertainty in our lives, but we have hope because we know who holds the future! We hold on to God’s promises because he is trustworthy.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

I am thankful to the Lord for his faithfulness and for all the people who come to our meetings. I am especially grateful for Samson and Kyoko, who are co-leaders of Montreal JCF. I am thankful for their commitment to the Lord and to this ministry. We meet twice a month for Bible study and fellowship. For the Bible study, we have

completed the Bible lessons on people who met Jesus, and since this January, we started to study the book of Genesis. I am also thankful to the Lord for the new developments in our group. We now

have a worship team! We can have live worship instead of using Youtube videos. This is a great encouragement for us.

We celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year together. We had many visitors attending these events, and we trust that we are sowing seeds. Pastor Eddie Buchanan and his wife Wendy, former missionaries to Japan, have been joining us in some of our meetings. Praise the Lord! We appreciated Pastor Eddie’s message during our Christmas celebration.

Some members of our group went through difficult seasons of marriage, depression, substance abuse of family members, and so on. The leadership team is always asking the Lord for wisdom, but we are glad to be able to offer support as we walk along with these people.

During this time of COVID-19 pandemic, we are not allowed to meet in together. The leadership is looking at alternative ways to continue the ministry, especially keeping in touch with each member (many are singles and isolated). I pray that this situation will not last too long...

Blessings to you all. □



A bi-monthly Bible study and fellowship group

Crossover Japanese Church of Calgary

Meeting at Westview Baptist Church
 1313 Ranchlands Way NW, Calgary, AB
 Sunday Worship: 2:00 pm.
 Pastor Yoichi Taniguchi Tel: 403-455-0074
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 Website: www.crossoverjapanesechurch.com



New Westminster Evangelical Free Church

Japanese Section

c/o 7895 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC
 Sunday Worship service - 9:30 am
 c/o Pastor Jooyong Park
 Email: aicimas0405@gmail.com
 Website: www.nwefc.org



Pastor Yoichi & Miyuki Taniguchi with daughter Mana

By Pastor Yoichi Taniguchi

Due to COVID-19, the world is stirred with confusion this spring. Amid this pandemic, I was brought back with a memory of Martin Luther King's last message before he was assassinated. His speech seemed as though he was foreshad-

owing his death. As God allowed Moses to only see the Promised Land from afar, so He did to Dr. King as well, who said, "But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land! And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Right now, Sunday services and daily activities are all restricted. We are told to strictly adhere to "social distancing" and remain indoors as much as you can. But should we be spending our days at home watching the corona virus news constantly and being led by anxieties and fear? Or, as Dr. King spoke, can we fix our eyes on the faith and hope that comes from the Lord, even if our lives were about to end? What I mean is this: we are standing on the verge of making a decision: to be a follower of Corona Virus or God.

We are unable to give a proper church activity report this spring, however, I am receiving a challenge to ascertain the church's and the follower's standing position during this season of hardship. □



Crossover Christmas celebration 2019



Pastor Jooyong & Kim Park with Daughter Si-on

By Pastor Jooyong Park

The ministry which I seek to conduct for the evangelization of the Japanese is the work through the Word of God. Because I believe that the promise of new heaven and the new earth flowing with milk and honey is the kingdom of God that can only be realized by His Word. For

this reason, I am convinced that the hope of Japanese evangelization lies in His Word. With this conviction and faith, I began my ministry as the pastor of the Japanese department of the New Westminster Evangelical Free Church (NWEFC) in June 2019. I thank God and the congregation of the Japanese and English departments of NWEFC who accepted me as their pastor.

I am deeply thankful and grateful that each member of the church has a passion for and faith in the Word of God. Five years ago I began to have a relationship with the NWEFC. Since that time, I have been grateful for the weekly worship service and the Bible study after the service. I appreciate this because I had not experienced this before. Even from this alone, I believe that the NWEFC is full of hope.

In August, a full-fledged Bible study session was started every Wednesday and also on Friday - every other week. The Bible study sessions began in Genesis using the Hebrew alphabet and interpretations. Although it may be difficult, I am thankful that each member of the church actively participates.

In the Gospel of John 21:15, Jesus says, "Simon son of John. Do you love me more than these people? Yes, Lord. You know that I love you," Jesus said to him. "Feed my lambs."



Bible study meeting each Wednesday and alternate Fridays

As each member of the NWEFC grows in their passion for God's Word, we will become a church used by God as we receive and "eat" the Word but also "feed" other people. That is the path of faith that He would want us to walk, loving Jesus Christ and loving our neighbors.

I pray for Church growth and grace, and further pray that we will continue to walk as a church built together with the Lord. □

During this period of the pandemic:

- ✓ 1. Stay at home. Go out only when necessary.
- ✓ 2. Wash your hands regularly
- ✓ 3. Avoid touching your face
- ✓ 4. Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- ✓ 5. Practice "social distancing"
- ✓ 6. Wear a mask if you are sick.

Mennonite Japanese Christian Fellowship

Meeting at: Living Hope Christian Fellowship
12246 - 100th Ave., Surrey, BC V3V 2X1
Sunday Worship Services at 3:00 pm.
Pastor Gerald Neufeld, Tel: 604-596-7928
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Pastor Gerald & Rei Neufeld with son Jay, daughters Rena and Irene (in back)

On a personal note, my husband who has been getting older suddenly complained of physical problems. What can he do about his job, or do we sell what we have? Do we give it to others? I was very worried. As we prayed together, I was in wonder how the problem was resolved. My husband was able to get well and do

his work. I'm thankful that God is alive and at work.

We pray that the various churches around the world may be strengthened to endure hardship. With the long Vancouver winter rains finally ending, cherry blossoms have begun to bloom. We also want to, with full energy, bathe in the sun, like spring. □

By Miwako Tada

Praise the Lord! How is everyone doing with the Corona Virus outbreak? At our Mennonite church we don't have many members, but each of us is learning to trust in God. We are thankful that God is blessing the church. Looking back over the past year, the time has been filled with various events, and we've been able to again praise and worship God and strengthen our fellowship with each other. Continuing on, we're thinking it's great if each one can sense God's love and share with people around us.

Vancouver Japanese Gospel Church

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3. Serve the community through the uniqueness of church activities

- VJGC Pre-school
- VJGC Seniors Support services
- VJGC Japanese/English school
- VJGC Mission Centre for reaching out to Int'l students and working holiday visa visitors

When we look back over the last 10 years, part of the vision was fulfilled by the Lord, part was not, and some parts have been changed. Last year's average attendance at the worship service was 176 people which increased more than 70 people compared to 10 years ago, but less than 8 people compared to the last year. The number of our active members has not changed very much for the last 5 to 6 years, which is around 130 people. There were 87 people baptised in the last 10 years, but more than a half of them returned to Japan.

The ratio of Japanese natives and Japanese non-natives is about 7:3 which has not changed compared to 10 years ago. There were a lot of small children and they have become teens and young adults. Thanks to the Lord, most of them have stayed connected to the church and have grown spiritually as well. We also have 8 active members who are 90 years and older. The needs of supporting and evangelizing the seniors are an important part of our ministry. This year we plan to make VISION 2030 so that the Lord will lead us for the next 10 years.

As I was writing this article, all of a sudden, COVID 19 has spread all over the world as well as in Canada which has put many places on lock-down. We are experiencing unprecedented times right now, however, we are thankful that we know the Lord Almighty during such a time as this. We are encouraged to pray to God who has saved us through His Son, Jesus Christ and have received blessings and grace through belonging to his church.

I pray for the Lord's protection and guidance for all the CJM family. □



VJGC Staff: (L-R) Mai Yoshino, Pat & Tony Schmidt, Tetsuya & Mari Fukusaku & Homi Akitaya

By Pastor Tetsuya Fukusaku

This year our church's vision is "Walking towards our Vision" and the Scripture verse is Proverbs 29:18. Ten years ago, we developed "VISION 2020" as follows:

VJGC "VISION 2020" - Aiming for 300 people (1%)

1. Deepen and increase fellowship among God's family in all age groups.

- Increase the number of small groups and expand the programs they offer.
- Increase the number of worship services.
- Strengthen English language worship service and create new English small groups
- Hold special Easter and Christmas services at Nikkei Centre.

2. Help each person to grow spiritually in the body of Christ.

- Support and send missionaries on short/long term basis and run mission trips.
- Start a bible school (eg. JTJ satellite school)
- Increase training and development opportunities for current staff and increase the number of staff (eg. English Pastor, Children & Youth Pastor, Education and Out-reach Director, Music Director and Secretary)

New Life Christian Church Japanese Division

Meeting at: New Life Christian Church
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Grace Japanese Christian Church

Banff, AB

Meeting at Banff Full Gospel Church
407 Cougar Street, Banff, AB
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am.
Pastor Minoru Enoki Tel: 403-707-6132
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Pastor Edward Yoshida

By Pastor Ed Yoshida

If friends across Canada are thinking that Ed Yoshida is just relaxing at home after retirement, this is a mistaken assumption I am “retired” but “re-treaded” and occupied in Kingdom business. No longer as a Free Methodist pastor but a voluntary CJM worker for the Lord. My roots in CJM are too long and too deep to sever. Since the first Conference was held in Toronto, I have been a lifetime member of the CJM.

The Momiji Seniors Centre, a supportive housing for Japanese seniors was built in Toronto, nearly 30 years ago. A few years later, when acute care was increasing, Momiji Centre partnered with Yee Hong Geriatric Care, to provided a 25 bed wing for Japanese seniors. I am privileged to serve as one of the chaplains to the Japanese seniors once a month.

My roots with CJM goes back many years. Ever since I was invited by the Rev. Bill Tamagi of Lethbridge in 1955, I have been involved with CJM. Upon my graduation from Seattle Pacific College in 1956, I was involved with others to plant a church in Vancouver. At that time, the Nisei Christian Fellowship (NCF) was actively reaching out to others in the Japanese community. Members proudly wore a pin with NCF on it. Among the names that can be recalled are: Stan Yokota, Irene-Jones, Sumi Maehara, Edna Trayler, Jean Imayoshi, the Uchida sisters, Noreen & Anne and Sumi (Morizawa) Kinoshita. When Sunday school was launched with a handful of teachers, Mr. & Mrs. Soga volunteered to drive the children in their neighbourhood to our church. When the Nishi family from Grand Forks relocated to Vancouver's east end, Miyoko, Charlie and Terence became regulars at our church. They influenced the Iwasaki girls from the same town to join us. Unofficially, these became the nucleus of the Vancouver Japanese Gospel Church. It was at this time, the year 1956, when I was invited by Rev. Ando to teach English at his Bible school in Japan.

Today, I am still reaching out to the Nikkei community in Toronto through the Nisei Breakfast/Bible session, twice-a-month in a mall restaurant, and conduct a Gideon Fellowship bilingual Bible Discussion at the New Life Christian Church each Sunday. □



Nikkei Breakfast/Bible group meeting at a local mall restaurant



Pastor Minoru & Izumi Enoki with daughters
Yuika (4), Mitsuki (2) & Wakana (5 mos.)

By Pastor Minoru Enoki

We are facing one of the most challenging and difficult decisions that we have ever made as GJCC, but I strongly believe that all CJM facilitated member and its churches are firmly standing on the foundation of His Word and will not be shaken by the currently crisis.

In response to this situation, we have decided to switch our service from regular gathering to an online styles (live). To my surprise, I was really encouraged by hearing from people who cannot regularly attend Sunday service due to the work, but have joined the online service during the past two Sunday and they were deeply moved by His spirit.

Even in the midst of severe crisis, God graciously opens up new ways and opportunities for GJCC that we could not have imagined and He started pouring out His Spirit and anointing amongst the congregation.

What I have been seeing over the past few weeks at GJCC is that God is restoring a “spiritual altar” in every household and not only among our members but also among those who are living with them. Some are non-believers but as the service is online in their homes they are joining them, which is absolutely amazing. According to Romans 8:28, “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”.

We tend to see this current situation negatively but God sees it differently, and His miraculous deeds are happening among churches already. Therefore, We praise his name what he is about to do in midst of CJM churches across Canada. □



Japan de Night - a monthly gathering at Enoki's home in Canmore