

# Christ Central Missions News Fall 2018



## Update from the Chos - Paraguay

As many of you already know, our church sent a summer missions support team (SMST) to Paraguay this past Summer. One of the main projects we had was to help renovate the Ytororo church. Since then, many have shared their happiness and gratitude of having a renovated building to get together and learn more about the love of Jesus. Some of the parents that have afternoon classes are also thankful that their reading has become easier with the lightning improvements!

### Prayer Requests:

- 1) For the spiritual growth of the Cerritos School students, and that the word of God that has been shared in their hearts might produce fruits of salvation and maturity.
- 2) For Marangatu Church in Ytororo, and that the love of Jesus can be spread to the community through the soup kitchen service, social assistance, and many other activities.
- 3) For OBEDIRA radio station and for Rev. Pedro Cho who has a weekly program. So that the Word of God might reach every household and motivate a spiritual revival in Paraguay.



## Update from the Bocanegas

Baby #3 is here! Nina Sakura Bocanegra was born on 11/16. Nina's Japanese characters are 虹愛 which means the "rainbow's love" referring to the Noahic Covenant in Genesis 9. It is a covenant that represents God's steadfast patience & forbearance to all sinful people and also the reason we can do missions. We pray that Nina would emulate God's forbearance and love towards her neighbors & enemies, and to look to her Ultimate Noah, Jesus Christ, to save her from the wrath of God as he calls all to enter the Ultimate Ark, the Church, before the doors are shut at the Last Day.

### Prayer Requests:

- 1)** Pray for the Presbyterian Church of Japan (PCJ) - The denomination will have its General Assembly on 11/23-11/24. For the first time in a few years, the number of worshippers, giving, and baptisms all dropped. This is shocking and heartbreaking news; It shows there is a slow down in growth. On top of that, there is a presbytery meeting on 11/10 for my region. Please pray that we can plan effectively, lovingly, and actively.
- 2)** Pray for Prof. Joel Kim's trip in Japan - Joel Kim, the president of my seminary, Westminster Seminary California, will be here for one week to meet many pastors, missionaries, and Japanese Christians. He will speak on some key issues we are facing in Japan, and I hope WSC and the PCJ would be able to have a good, formal, partnership moving forward.
- 3)** Pray for my church, Oyumino Christ Church's time of transition - Last year, our founding pastor, Pastor Daniel Iverson stepped down. I have been tasked to help the session coordinate a unified, 3, 5, 10, 20 year plan for OCC over the next year. Please pray for unity and wisdom as we plan, and for protection from Satan in the midst of painful growing pains.