



## Impact Newsletter Fall 2017

Dear LSCC,

This is our quarterly newsletter to update the congregation on our local outreach activities and overseas missional work. The team is focused on Compassions Ministries, Global Missions and Missionary Care. We hope that all members can find a way to participate in sharing God's love with others and sharing the gospel.

~ LSCC Impact Core (Bo, Bonnie, Danny, Holly & Patricia)

*Deuteronomy 10:18 He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.*

*Mark 16:15 Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

### Impact Sundays

Every 2nd Sunday of the month is Impact Sunday, when Impact Core invites a guest to share about their missional work and ways that God is working across the nations. We hope that these stories would open the hearts of LSCC members and inspire them to serve in some way.

#### Spring and Summer Impact Sunday's Re-cap

**April 23** – Back to Back (B2B) by Casey and Rhonda

**June 11** – Mazatlan Mission Team Send Off

**Sept 24** – Justice Rising sharing by Cassandra and Edison Lee. Justice Rising brings peace to communities affected by war by providing quality education to children at risk. They build schools, develop programs and raise up community leaders towards the goal of promoting peace and breaking the cycle of war.

Please pray for continued work at the schools in the Congo. [www.justicerising.org](http://www.justicerising.org)

**October 8** – Child Sponsorship sharing by Bo Koralage, LSCC member and introduction to child sponsorship programs through Compassion International and Back 2 Back.

#### Looking forward to Winter Quarter Impact Sunday's

- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Operation Christmas Child

### Impact Matching

LSCC is matching up to \$500 financial support for the year and to pray for their ministry work.

The goal of Missionary Support Matching is for LSCC to partner with our members to support the missionaries that they financially and prayerfully support. In 2016, LSCC has matched donations to support a missionary serving Interspersivity, Cal State Long Beach and a missionary in a closed country. Members, please consider applying for the LSCC Impact Matching in 2017. Applications due by Nov. 30, 2017.

Details and application here: <http://livingstonescc.com/impact-missionary-matching/>

## Upcoming Short Term Missions Trip

Where: Back2Back Orphanage in Hyderabad, India

When: February 16-24, 2018

Prayer: For the members and their training as they prepare to serve the children there.

Contact: Danny Cheng for more information.



## Short Term Trip Recap

### Mazatlan Mexico with Back2Back, June 17-23, 2017

The LSCC team arrived to the Back2back Mazatlan alongside two other teams from the states to serve the special needs children there. The Back2back staff and interns helped prepare us every day, training us on trauma competent care, preparing for our meals, organizing the projects for the day, and coaching us on how to interact with the children later on in the afternoon. The projects at the group homes ranged from painting windows to adding razor wire to the top of cement walls. There were three group homes that we visited, which included one for special needs and another for girls. Back2back Mazatlan staff wants to grow the ministry towards family-based childcare, where facilities are structured more like a regular home, rather than an institutionalized environment. Please pray for the ministry there, as they continue to tirelessly serve the children and community in Mazatlan.



Pray for Raphael. He is facing changes and challenges (L). Juan during physical therapy (R).



## Japan Visit, by: Bonnie Mo

In April this year, Vincent, Benny, and I went to Fukuoka to visit the Oh's as part of our Asia vacation. Although we only spent a weekend with them, it was a packed with different ministries and hanging out with the Oh family!

We took the shinakasen down to Fukuoka from Osaka on Friday late afternoon, and Vincent hit the ground running and shared his testimony at Peter's Friday Coffee & Bible class for adults interested in learning English. Saturday was a mix of spending time with the Oh's and Vincent talked at the college fellowship on working in Silicon Valley as a Christian. That was the most anticipated ministry event for us because Jenny made flyers to market that event weeks before on FB, and 15 college students from Kyushu University and church members attended! The students were very interested in Vincent's talk, and they asked about lots of great questions such as the impostor syndrome. Vincent and Peter hung out with some of the college students afterwards to help connect them to the Oh's college ministry! The students enjoyed Vincent's talk, and one of them told Vincent that his talk was better than TED talks because he has never heard of talks about real work experience before. It was clear that they have a hunger and interest to hear more about the about the working world, and we hope there will be more opportunities for other members to help with the college ministry to share the gospel with them.

Traveling with Benny meant Vincent and I have to trade off on helping with the Oh's ministry. On Sunday worship, I shared my testimony during the church service. After church, we hung out with the Oh's on a Costco trip (Costco is very cool in Fukuoka) and eating local foods like motsu nabe and horse sashimi while catching up on each other's lives. Although it was a packed weekend, we were so happy to be part of Oh's ministry, and had time to talk and catch up with the whole family. It was a refreshing time for all of us, and that weekend was the highlight for Benny of our entire trip because Juhee, Sungjae, and Jiyeon loved playing with Benny! It's also during that part of the trip that we found out Benny absolutely loves udon noodles!

Here are some thing you can pray for the Oh's and their ministry:

- Quality family and couple time in the midst of the ministry and kids' schooling
- thankful for all the ministry opportunities from English classes (children and adults), neighborhood play date and outreach, and college ministry and the conversations and building relationships to share the gospel with them
- thankful for the good relationships with their church and their Pastor Miyauchi to partner together in ministries
- upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas outreaches

Impact is planning out another missions trip for 2018, if you are interested in going to Fukuoka to help with the Oh's ministry and to spend time with them, please let Impact know ([Impact@livingstonescc.com](mailto:Impact@livingstonescc.com))!



# Missionary Care

Updates from missionaries who LSCC members support and LSCC has matched. Please pray for them with us.

**Missionary:** Dave Nothhelfer from Navigators

**Introduced to LSCC by:** Danny Cheng

**Update:** Dave Nothhelfer was first introduced to Gospel-centered grassroots community development in rural parts of Philippines in a short term trip in 2008. Over the years, he had built strong relationships with missionaries with Navigators in Philippines. He eventually made a decision to enter the field full time. This summer he raised all of his required support and has moved to Asia to begin that work.

**Prayer Requests:**

1. Transition to the field, though it isn't new, it is now long-term
2. Physical issues: earlier this year he had surgery to repair his reoccurring shoulder injury. Pray for a full recovery



2008 Trip to Philippines

**Missionary:** Paul and Kanthi Koralage in Sri Lanka

**Introduced to LSCC by:** Bo Koralage

Letter from Paul:

Thank you so much for supporting the ministry in Sri Lanka. We are ministering at the Grandpass Baptist Church in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The church mainly serves a poor community in a slum area of Colombo. We are focused on spreading the hope of Jesus to the poor community and training young leaders to carry on the ministry. LSCC contribution is used to support the young leaders who are being trained. We continue to see young people put their trust in Jesus. Recently we had a baptism service and baptized seven people mostly young adults.

Thank you for partnering with us and supporting the ministry. With your partnership, the good news continues to spread to ends of world including a poor community in Sri Lanka.

Please pray for the continued spread of the Gospel and for the young people who are being trained. Please pray that God will raise up a leader to continue the ministry after Paul who is close to 80 years now.



**Missionary:** Helen and Sam Livingston, from Act Beyond Missionaries in Taiwan  
**Introduced to LSCC by:** Maggie and Steve Lin

**Letter from Helen and Sam:** Thank you again, Impact Team for choosing our family in Taiwan to receive the "Impact Matching Funding" for this season of life. Sam has been working with the local church outreach teams to train up workers to launch a Discovery Bible Study (DBS) in our community. This DBS hopes to reach seekers in our community with a set of Creation to Christ stories from the Bible. The deeper hope as we use disciple making principles of training not just in knowledge but obedience to God's Word that lives and families will be transformed. Please pray for Sam and the leaders he is working with as this DBS will start in a couple of weeks.

Besides praying for our family as we homeschool all 4 kids for the first time, pray that we will shine together as a family! Taiwan this year is hitting a population crisis being lower than its lowest (in Asia) since 2009 at 0.9%, but this year has gone even lower at 0.7%. So, I have been putting much effort together with local staff of Pregnancy Support Center (PSC) to launch a FIRST TIME EVER IN ASIA of 40 Days of Prayer for Life. With abortion at its highest and birthrate at its lowest this year, it is time to pause all that we do in ministry and to CRY OUT to God and intercede for life. It's a campaign to unite all churches in central Taiwan to gather believers to cover 12 hours of prayer in front of our PSC building and for 40 days starting Sept 27 to Nov 5.

We train and teach our children to shine in their generation but if Taiwan is going through such a crisis in population, this is a deep problem at the roots that needs to be covered in prayer before any real impact can be made.

<http://krtnews.tw/chinese-church/local/article/16722.html>

**Prayer Requests from a letter 9/26/17:**

From now until Thanksgiving, Sam and I are launching a couple of things that we desperately need your partnership to pray with us. Sam is leading a Bilingual Seekers group to do discovery Bible Studies together for those who have questions or are new in following Jesus.

I've been excitedly preparing in ministry with [Pregnancy Support Center](#). Why? There is a LIFE crisis in Taiwan...and so to pause all things to pray is critical in my own journey of feeling like when my mom passed away and she confided in me about her abortion before I was born....this left a fire in me to make a difference. If I was left on this earth and not that sibling, then God must have a reason and I have a part to play in this battle for life.

Please pray for us as we kick off a huge FIRST time ever in Asia....[40 days of Life](#). It's 12 hours a day prayer in the land with one of the highest abortion rates and the lowest birthrate this year of 0.7% (lower than the lowest in 2010 of 0.9%). No ministry, no discipleship, no life is possible if we don't pause all things and CRY OUT TO GOD for mercy on Taiwan. I've worked with my good friend Gloria and Angel to gather all churches across denominations to come together and join efforts to humble ourselves and pray.

Of course, pray for the kids as Fall season they have a lot to adjust to with online school (Potter's school) first time doing school in English and with little tech skills from local school life....it's all a lot for our family to adjust to a new rhythm of life.

Thank you for your support, Impact Team! It means the world to us!! As we launch the 40 days today, please keep us in prayer these next 40 days.

