

Through Christ, Sport Is Also Worship!

Athlete Church



**~ By the Grace of God and the
Intercession of the Supporters ~**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

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[Beginning]

★From Nagoya to Yokohama

At the end of 2016, I dedicated my career as an athlete in track and field to God, which had been going on for 22 years, I took a temporary rest and retired from it. I have been meditating and praying 'What can I do for God in the future after leaving the team?' and 'What is the meaning of being sent to Japan?'. However, even in the midst of the resting season, I waited and persevered until the Lord said 'Go!'. In fact, there were many times I was compelled to hurry and change the gear to "doing" instead of "resting". I also participated in overseas outreach activities that I was not able to join as a player, and through these experiences I learned for the first time that there was a ministry that preaches the gospel in Japan and all nations through sports. Our couple had experienced the difficulty of working both in church and sports ministry. Therefore, we dreamed about the sports ministry carrying out the role of serving the church and being the actual place where God works through. In 2017, we were quickly led to the paths of sports missionary work and were guided from Nagoya to Yokohama. In Japan, more than 70% of people are involved in various sports to some extent. Wouldn't it be amazing to go out of the churches and share the gospel in the place where they live as the Lord did? I believed that if we obeyed God's calling to save a soul, the ways would surely open.



Commissioning service for sports missionary work from Onnuri Church in Nagoya to Yokohama Japanese Church



Pastor Noh Chi-Hyung who helped us make the path of sports missionary work



The family of God of Hongodai Christ Church, who always sends us with a service and prayers

★Taiwan Universiade Conference (2017)

Soon after learning about missionary sports work, along with the Korean sports missionary team, I was given a chance to serve at the chapel in the athletes' village of the Universiade. What does a chaplain do? I didn't know anything about it and had many questions, but with a thought of 'let's just go and see rather than thinking about it' we headed to Taiwan. At the athletes' village we met Japanese Christians and we were engaged in introducing the Biblical values to many Japanese players. We were also aware of the heart of Jesus for all players regardless of whether they won or lost, and that the game itself is one of the ways to worship God with their lives. Those nations in which Christianity is embedded in their culture, their teams travel with a chaplain, they are able to worship anytime and to share the word of God, as well as being taken care of by the chaplain.



Japanese gymnastics team: Meeting with Christians Japanese staff



Ministry in the athletes' village



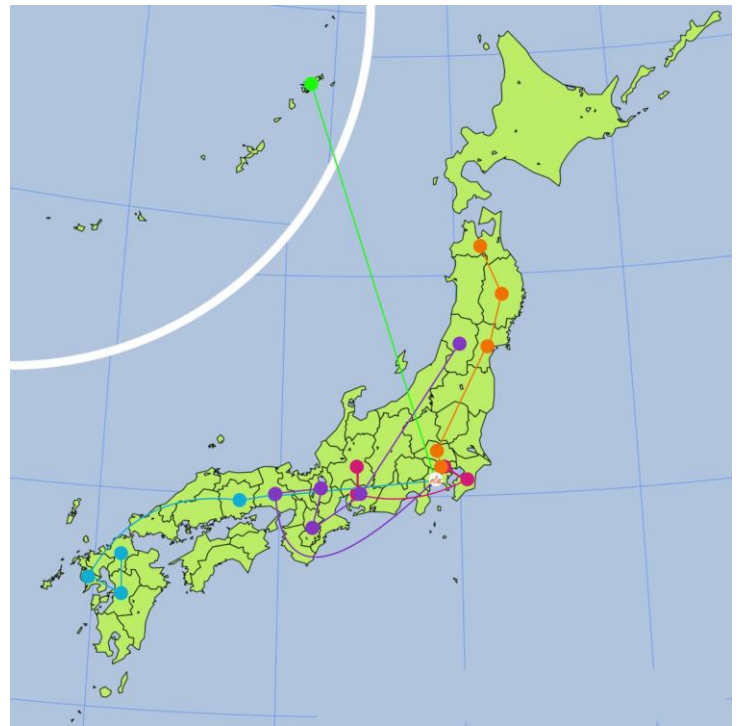
Being able to translate and enjoy fellowship with a team who had challenges for not having a Japanese speaking staff

★Table Tennis Mission in Korea (2017)

Table Tennis Mission Organization and the local church gathered then nearly 400 people participated. In the middle of the competition, missionaries and missionary teams had a sending service; many believers and unbelievers who eye-witnessed were touched by that worship service. I didn't know if it would be possible since Korea has a large Christian population, but I also received great comfort and encouragement thinking that it would be possible if the churches in Japan came together hand in hand. This experience was an opportunity for our couple to engage in table tennis missionary work in Japan.



Like in the book of Acts
~ a walk through
Acts 29 ~



First Mission Trip (2018)

Bringing Revival through Sports!

As I was meditating during my quiet time on the book of Acts of the Apostles, I had in my heart 'Yes, as the Lord and the apostles have set an example, let's actually take a step forward and share the gospel'. Since this is the internet age, it is now possible to just send information by email. However, I still believe that I need to go and share the passion and heart of God in person; therefore, I took a step of faith. It is important to deliver the message of the potential of sports mission, but I should not only pray for 8,000 Japanese churches, I also should follow the example of Jesus by actually going to the churches and praying for the divine Spirit to be poured upon in each place.

6/19 (Tues.) JECA General Meeting (Tokyo)

6/20 (Wed.) Yachiyo Onnuri Christ Church (Chiba)

6/21 (Thurs.) Parkside Chapel (East Nagoya Christ Church)

6/22 (Fri.) CBI Christ Bible Seminary (Nagoya)

6/22 (Fri.) His Call Church (Nagoya)

6/23 (Sat.) Kaizu Christ Church (Gifu)





Pastor Nishiyama then came to Yokohama Onnuri Christian Church and now he works as a leader for KiSP (Kanazawa International Sports Partnership).



Pastor Koike's eldest son, Yuu, and his best friends, Hagino Tomoaki and Isomura Naoko, are involved in futsal missionary work.

【Other Church Visits & Ministries】



Shinmatsudo Church (Chiba)



New Life Church Hara Chapel (Aichi)



Uchinada Bible Church (Ishikawa)



Table Tennis Ministry



↑Shizuoka International Sports Partnership (SiSP)↓



Nagoya Onnuri Christ Church



Rugby World Cup Mission



Second Mission Trip (2018)



- 7/15 (Sun.) Kumamoto Harvest Church
- 7/16 (Mon.) Kurume Bible Church (Fukuoka)
- 7/18 (Wed.) Japan Jesus Nagasaki Megumi Church & Nagasaki Baptist Church
- 7/18 (Wed.) Hakata Christ Church (Fukuoka)
- 7/21 (Sat.) Japan Jesus Kagato Church (Okayama)
- 7/22 (Sun.) Okayama Riverside Church
- 7/23 (Mon.) Grapevine Church (Hyogo)
- 7/24 (Tues.) Bride Worship (Osaka)
- 7/25 (Wed.) Osaka Onnuri Christ Church





Osaka Onnuri Church was the first church I attended in 2006, when I personally came to Japan to study athletics. At that time, rather than relying entirely on God, I wanted to learn Japanese, advanced techniques, and become a track star with my own ability. Like the 40-year-old Moses, I wanted to become the bridge between Korea and Japan by my own strength, and to change the Korean track and field world to a top-down mindset. That was my dream.

But, in the next 12 years, just like God led and restored the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve disciples, He began to heal me by touching on my weakness and pouring his breath and Holy Spirit in me. God persevered and waited for a sinner like me even when I denied the world He had created and given me; I always tried to turn against Him even while attending church. When I visited Osaka Onnuri Church once again in 12 years, unlike before, I was standing on the pulpit asking for support and prayer for sports and churches, as well as reaching for lives in the sports world.

I was crying out for a soul like the Macedonians did.

It felt like a miracle to me! There was no doubt that this was God's work! In Japan, which is called 'the tomb of a missionary', God clearly continues to meet me. Just like the apostles and Paul, I want to take root in the place where God promised and serve the Lord for many years to come.

Acts 18: 10

"for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people".

The promise that the Lord will be with you, the conviction that there are lives who needs to be saved in this land and that the Lord has called them.... There are many who needs God's salvation in the world of sports.

Third Mission Trip (2018)

Revival in Japan through Sports!!! 2400km Mission Trip!!!

The northernmost part of Honshu is Aomori Oomasaki. I found out that there is no church in this area. I went by car and looked at the northernmost sea of Honshu, praying for a church to be built on this land. We also looked at the northernmost land of Hokkaido, then we proclaimed and prayed in the name of Jesus Christ that someday we would be able to share the gospel through sports mission.

- 8/19 (Sun.) Aomori Baptist Church
- 8/20 (Mon.) Asunaro Fukuin Church Aomori
- 8/21 (Tues.) Gitagami Seisho Baptist Church (Iwate)
- 8/21 (Tues.) Rikujentakata Christ Church (Iwate)
- 8/22 (Wed.) Tohokyu ChoOu Church (Miyagi)
- 8/23 (Thurs.) Ishinomaki Oasis Church (Miyagi)
- 8/24 (Fri.) Victory Chapel Seisho Church (Miyagi)
- 8/25 (Sat.) Praise Community Church (Miyagi)
- 8/26 (Sun.) Yamagata Nanbu Church
- 8/27 (Mon.) Church of God Ooechou Christ Church (Yamagata)
- 8/28 (Tues.) Keisen Christ Church Fukuda Chapel (Yamagata)
- 8/29 (Wed.) Hourai Christ Church Wakaeda Gakkuen (Fukushima)
- 8/30 (Thurs.) Global Mission Japan Taira Christ Church (Fukushima)
- 9/1 (Sat.) Kamino Kazoku Shu Jesus Christ Church (Tokyo)
- 9/2 (Sun.) Souka Shinshou Riverside Chapel (Saitama)



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Up until now, our missionary journey has been all about sports ministry, but this time the Lord gave us the opportunity to share the Word. The Lord allowed us to share a lot of worship and praise to each church we have visited. We were able to see how God works in places and families; we have experienced daily how the power of the Word is unchanging and powerful. Every time I went on a mission journey, I experienced restoration of self-worth, God's sovereignty, and the nearing of the kingdom of God. I am sure that every step leads to the recovery of a 'worship of life'.

**"Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I, myself, will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."
Genesis 46:3-4**

Fourth Mission Trip (2018)

Revival in Japan through Sports!!!

In 2006, we went to Oshima Amami for the first time and visited its onsite training facility for track and field.

Since it was the end of the year, we didn't expect any church to visit. But when we arrived at that place, we experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship through his moving. God is worthy to be praised; He is faithful, wonderful, beautiful, full of love, grace, and mercy! On a remote island with a population of no more than 50,000 people we were able to visit pastors who faithfully took root for the will of the Lord; through them we were blessed and encouraged. Oshima Amami is a famous winter campsite for athletics and baseball, so many teams and players gather on this island every year. Instead of passing by the stadium, we prayed together asking God for the relief of the players and the restoration of their lives.

12/28 (Fri.) Ikeru Kaminoko Christ Church

12/29 (Sat.) Naje Church

12/30 (Sun.) Japan Holiness Ooshima



Fifth Mission Trip (2019)

Revival in Japan through Sports!!!

The 2019 Rugby World Cup was in Japan. It was held in 12 Japanese cities. So, during this time, many Christian athletes, and missionary teams from all over the world visited Japan. Also, having the Tokyo Olympics on the horizon for 2020, we continued to serve at the site of local churches to connect the church to sports and to reach the athlete population through Athlete Church.



3/19 (Tues.) Ikeru Christ Ichibaku Nishimiya Church (Hyogo)

3/19 (Tues.) Biwako Shalom Chapel (Shiga)

3/20 (Wed.) Yamato Kooriyama Megumi Church (Nara)

3/22 (Fri.) Sakae Bible Church (Aichi)



Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

10X10 Vision from 2014 to 2024 proclaims 10 times the multiplication of God's family in Japan church! We believe that fire of the Holy Spirit in the 8,000 churches in Japan's will not be extinguished, but rather will bring a revival to the nation through sports.



【Other Church Visits and Ministries】



Yokohama Onnuri Christ Church



Yamagata Daiichi Baptist Church



First Vineyard Church
Kani Hukuin Church (Gifu)



Kohitsuji Christ Church Narisawa Chapel
(Yamagata)



Chigasaki Doumei Church (Kanagawa)



Tokyo Light House Church (Tokyo)



Hatogaya Hukuin Church (Saitama)



Saiwaicho Christ Church (Ibaraki)



Shinsei Kamaishi Church (Iwate)



Okachimachi Christ Church (Tokyo)



New Hope Chapel Hikone (Shiga)



Keisen Christ Church Saikyou Chapel (Saitama)



Sydney Olympic Taekwondo Bronze Medalist
Pastor Okamoto Yoriko



Korean Table Tennis Mentor
'88 Olympic double gold medalist, missionary Yang
Young-Ja
Gold medalist in Asian Games team event,
missionary Park Ji-Hyundai



Aoyama Mission Academy
University Chapel Week Testimony



[From Darkness to Light] Testimony at
Aoyama Mission Academy University
can be seen here.



Aoyama Mission Academy University
Hakone Reversal Race Ceremony



Yamagata Shoonki Bible School
(Keisen Christ Church Keisen
Senkou Center)



Tanjiki Gitou Church (Tokyo Central
Church)



Nixon Shinto Jenshin Senkyou
Competition (To high Omri-Bruno
Sato)



Missionary Seminar of Onnuri



Church, ministry of Sports Mission,
Korea Participation in SASUKE

【Twin Tower of Sports Mission】

～ Why Japan needs sports mission? ～

★ For the sake of one soul, to those who are involved in sports.

Athletes seem to have a glorious and dazzling lifestyle, but behind the glory, they suffer from countless problems. There is a constant struggle against anguish and loneliness. After confirming the hosting of the Tokyo Olympic Games, many problems in the sports world have been spotlighted, such as players arrested for drugs, theft, tackled problems in American football's sportsmanship, affairs, etc. In the sports world, sad news are frequently showing up.

Jesus is the only one who can fill in the hearts of athletes, but people in the sports world have not come to church even after so many prayers for them. There is a great need to proclaim the path and the footsteps of Jesus Christ in their very present lives.

In the gym, in the stadium, in the pool, we need someone to talk about Jesus Christ everywhere. There are people involved in bukatsu (sports club activity). We do not want to only be content with the athletes coming to church to worship, but we also want to help them to be worshipers in each competition facility and all the places where sports are played. I believe, as a missionary, it is our role to pray, care, and send them off. The scene of sport must be Bethel, where Christ is.

We need sons and daughters of God who proclaim Jesus.

For the salvation of about 80 million sports lovers, prayer and good faith are desperately needed. So, if you have people involved in bukatsu or official sports, in Jesus' name, may the divine spirit bless and send them to each place.



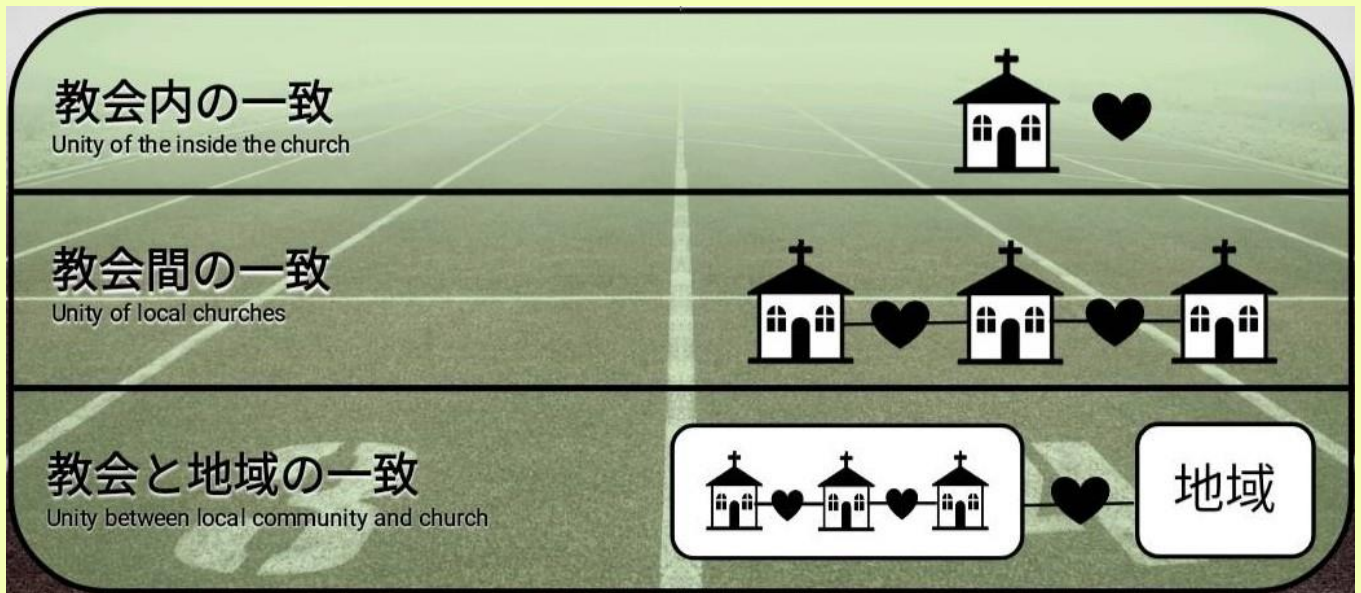
★ Sports mission that brings unity —

In today's age, there is a language that is more used by people than English. It is sports. You might think about it and ask yourself 'how can sport be a language?'. In terms of communicating with each other under certain rules and heading towards a goal, sports are very similar to language. Since sports have a wide range of impacts and power all around the world, you can call it as a 'universal language'.

Through sports, people are connected and able to deliver Jesus to those who need to hear. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sports are used as a tool for missionary work in each region, country, and in the whole world. Until now, music and art have been widely used in churches and in worship. When a musician is saved, he/she can be used to minister to others and for their salvation as well as raising the sense of belonging in the community.

However, when an athlete is saved, is there a place in the church for him/her? Over the last three and a half years of traveling throughout Japan, we visited and saw the churches. In fact, the reality shows that a very limited number of athletes who went to actual evangelical gatherings find their place in churches; it is difficult to have the sense of belonging and to keep on staying in the church community.

When the church welcomes sports with the expectancy of a 'work of salvation', we can use them as a 'universal language' and bring unity. In this present time the blessing given to the Japanese church is 'unity'. Sports have a great potential as a blessing to heal and bring unity in God's grace.



① **Unity within the church:** Unity in church can bring together the generational gap

Table Tennis. Running. Futsal. Hiking. Badminton, etc.

(Running)

With the goal of participating together in the community's shortened marathon, we learned how to run, and practiced together 10 times in the three months prior to the competition. Intimate fellowship is possible by running and training together. Members who participated in the speed marathon are running worshipers. (I feel God's joy when I run like those in 'Chariots of Fire')



**Giving life to the local communities!!!
Running through Christ is also a service.**

Ezekiel 47:9

"And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes."

(Praise Gymnastics)

We make gymnastics using the church's favorite praises. Regardless of age, we all do the same dance like in 'radio gymnastics' (something from Japan's unique culture), and unity is created. As David expressed his love for the Lord through dancing, the joy of the spirit and the soul shows its praise through the body. 1John 3:18-19



② **Unity among Churches:** The walls of denomination are broken down, and local churches are united.

One for the church, church for one.

Basketball, table tennis, dodgeball, badminton, softball, futsal, etc.

(Table Tennis) Fellowship focused Table Tennis meeting

Beyond the religious status, the ministry of table tennis as one language is progressing gradually.



(Fun sports)

With hiking, climbing, and so on, we easily get together and enjoy sports as one. Several local churches get together in the park to play together, exercise, and have a healthy relationship.



(Online Sports Mission)

It is held in cooperation with the Japan International Sports Partnership (JiSP)

(From the left) *Futsal Web Seminar *Table Tennis Web Seminar *East Japan Earthquake Online Charity Marathon

フットサルだよ! 全員集合
3つの視点から学ぶフットサルミニストリー

●3つの視点●
① 繋がり
② ノウハウ
③ 競技者のマインド(クリスチャンとして)

Zoom ウェビナー
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時間:19:00-21:00
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わたしたちは教団教派を超えて、JiSP一帯(中国)の枠内で月に1回卓球交流しているクリスチャンの集まりです!
初級卓球クリニックセミナーを企画して来ました。どのような方でも、クリスチャンで卓球に興味があれば
参加可能です!!おうちからクラブでも参加できますので、お気軽にご参加ください。

第1回「JiSP卓球ウェビナー」
Zoomを用いたセミナーです
事前申込み 参加料:無料

19:00開始
イントロダクション
司会: 金津タケ (アスリートチャーチ) 鈴木まどか
講演「私の卓球道」 英田恭司 先生
分科会
まとめ

教会での事例紹介
「卓球→地域の子どもたち」
「卓球→地域コミュニティ」
「卓球→信仰継承」

ONLINE CHARITY MARATHON
2mファミリー/5m個人男女バラ/10m個人男女バラ 全7種目

■エントリー期間■
2021年1月9日 ~ 2021年2月28日

■集計期間■
2021年2月1日 ~ 2021年3月6日

■エントリー費■
1,000円

オンライン表彰式: 2021年3月13日(土)

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③ **Unity between the Church and the Local Community: the wall between these must be broken down**

Genesis 18:32b

"If there are only ten righteous men, I will not destroy the city."

Like Jesus' example, we are worshipers who are to enter the lives of those who do not know God and to increase prayers of intercession; this is a privilege as believers. Through sports ministry, we can turn each place into Bethel, rather than a place of destruction, and we can bring the local community together. When it is not God's will, direct evangelism may bring an opposite result and more challenges between the church and the local community; I can say this from my personal experiences. It is important to have a humbling attitude towards moving one's feet to the right place like the Lord did, and we do it by starting with prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit.

(Sports Clinic serving in different places in the community)



Running Clinic (hosted by the sports association of Zushi town next to Yokohama).



Honmaki Mountain Park



Track and Field Class at a public elementary school during 2019 Rugby World Cup

(Kingdom Building Festival)



2019 Health Class & Meal Society (hosted by the elders of the Chinese Church of Yokohama)



Sports festivals in disaster areas



Music, kids, and the harmony of sports at Hello Jesus Festival

【Strengthening the Gifts of Japanese Churches!】

So far, many Christians have said that they would like to see in Japan a large-scale revival as the ones that happened in the United States and Korea. However, I believe that God is preparing a proper revival for Japan, not such a large-scale looking revival.

For example, in Japan's sports history, most of the athletes and teams initially trained abroad, especially in the United States, a powerful sports nation. There was a case where the Japanese athletes lost their true self-worth or strength by having their training combined with an American training. Like the American baseball players, by increasing body power, Japanese players eventually shortened their player's life due to injuries. However, by making the most of one's self-image, one's body will pursue its own good, such as in Jewish educational ideas, so that someone can even become a small giant and a legendary member in the Hall of Fame. Rather than focusing on or pursuing what someone does not have, try using God's given gifts is the best way to be a true athlete.

If you combine that with the church, even if the Japanese church accepts the 'how' that led the church in Korea or the United States to be what it is, it may not be what God has planned for Japan, as the history of the Japanese church has already shown. Then doesn't the Japanese church have any major strength? I believe it does! I would like to think about the church strengths which were given by God, that is, "Teamwork - One Team". Japanese sports team formation makes a great model. Even though individually it may not be very strong, the Japanese have a same goal such as the Olympics. When this goal is established and formed, it tends to show more potential than it originally possessed, regardless of the sport. When trusting, encouraging, and comforting each other, they often bring forth surprising comprehensive results.



Recently, many people came to know that Japan's track and field relay has become Asia's leading short-distance powerhouse, which can expect medals in world championships.

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日本が魅せた「世界一のバトンパス」の秘密

オーバーハンドパス
ジャマイカ、アメリカ、中国など

アンダーハンドパス
日本、フランス



手を伸ばして直線で渡す「オーバーハンドパス」は、2人分の腕の長さだけ利得距離を稼げ、ミスも少ない。だが、フォームが崩れるので減速するデメリットがある。一方、下からバトンを渡す日本の「アンダーハンドパス」は、難易度は上がるが、走りのフォームに近い形で渡すため、トップスピードを維持したままパスできる。さらに日本は、渡し手と受け手が腕を差し出すことで利得距離も稼げる独自の「V字バトンパス」を完成させた

The Japanese team will use each other's gifts even though they are weak, and if they continue to share their solidarity with the future generation, one day, they will be able to become a medal-winning team. For decades, the senior athletes gave know-hows to the junior athletes and continued giving their support. Even though they kept hearing about the impossibility of crossing the 10-second barrier, I believe there will be a great result by being challenged continually, by believing on this hope.

リレー走者の100m自己ベストと400mリレーのタイム						
	第1走者	第2走者	第3走者	第4走者	100m合計	400mリレー
日本	山縣	飯塚	桐生	C飛鳥	40"38	37"60
	10"05	10"22	10"01	10"10		
ジャマイカ	パウエル	ブレイク	アシュミード	ボルト	38"89	37"27
	9"72	9"69	9"90	9"58		

Please, refer to the table above. According to the record speed of one player, Jamaica has 9 seconds and Japan has 10 seconds in total. Based on the figures alone, it seems like the game has already been decided. Take out the advantage of each individual and Japan's strength, then turn it into a team. The result was narrow when the game was played. The gold medal is in a position that is almost within reach. Baseball is a popular sport in Japan, and there are many professional baseball teams such as the Giants, Hanshin Tigers, Rakuten, and others. However, in the Olympics, as Samurai Japan, they don't stick to their affiliation; rather, they come united to play as one team. Likewise, when the local churches set up a vision to preach the gospel to the community, they went beyond the wall of denominations.

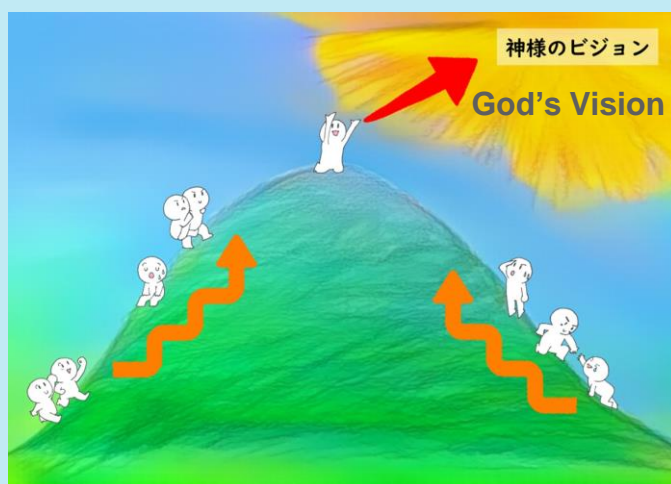
At that time, we saw God's presence making the great power of love to emerge. In addition, as we strive to improve our team's capabilities, we must dedicate our individual gifts to the team. You will be able to experience the truth that individual abilities are increasing as well. If we serve as a team in the vision of preaching the gospel to the community, each church can be strengthened together.

Also, what is important about forming a team, is to focus on the vision. Many people hope to join the team that aims to win. And as we move towards the same goal, each and every one of us strengthens and exerts more power than we possess. So, let's keep moving on.

Among the team, there must be people who defy the leader and cloud the team's atmosphere. However, the more conscious players there are towards the goal, the more conscious the team is. If there is a wave large enough to attract the players looking in a negative direction, it will be able to take them in the same direction together. If most of people with the same goals and dreams work together, the team changes for the better.

Japan also needs big waves. Now, waves of revival are starting to rise here and there. However, the church, which has long been called 8,000 in Japan, has become 64,000 places of worship due to God's grace amid the corona pandemic. But we need a big wave of vision that leads us in the same direction together.

We reach out to each other for the same vision. There are when we piggyback, push from behind, rely on each other, help each other, and move on. This way we will be able to see together the vision and God's love that no one has seen yet. You will be able to climb to the top and see the scenery of God, which is great and beautiful.



I believe it is the same with the church.

When local churches reach out to each other, to help and move forward, and toward the same vision, we will see the God's revival which no one has seen before. You will come to the top to see the beautiful and amazing scenery God is showing you.



Japan becomes strong when it has the same vision and goal.

When you hold onto God's vision, you can be strong.

I hope to advance toward the same vision by using the "teamwork" that God has given to Japan. There is something God has prepared.

【Future Steps of Athlete Church】

John 15:16

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

★Prayer Meeting

Prayer with Christian sports people

Prayer with the people who help Athlete Church

★Sports Ministry Suitable for the Gifts of Local Churches

We serve those who want to incorporate sports into the church and those who want to know the know-how.

Church schools, camps, events, etc. We work together to find out what suits each church.

★Discipleship Training + Practice:

Formation of Sports Theology based practice

- From a player to a worshiper through Jesus Christ

John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

Sport is not only used as a tool, for discipleship training is done through sports. In Japan, where access to sports has been passive so far, students are also involved and improving in sports.

★ Discipleship Training through Sports

●Japan has a population of about 80 million people who loves sports. It is necessary to cherish the disciple of Christ involved in sports to promote the need for the salvation of souls within the sport population. Through sports, a service may be carried out in the form of events, but it does not involve just having fun, yet the whole staff who raised these disciples of Christ.

●The venue for sports is the place where the Lord is worshipped, and the team is one community (Ecclesia). The role of a leader in it is to preach the gospel with a shepherd’s heart, and to nurture the players with the love of Christ.

★ Integrating sports into seminary or missionary training

●Raising a devoted person who lives in the sports world. Leaving the game and giving up the seminary has been chosen as the path of a devoted person, but incorporating sports makes it possible to learn theology and missionary work. It makes possible to nurture a dedicated person who can serve by incorporating what he/she has learned in the field of sports.

●The church can promote a paradigm shift on ‘sports in the church’. Many churches are troubled by the issue of Bukatsu (sports clubs). If you can clearly see that there is a way to serve through sports, you can reverse the mindset that quitting bukatsu and staying in the church is the only way to “measure” someone’s faith.

【Road Map】

Athlete Church ロードマップ -キリスト・イエスにあって競技者から礼拝者へ-										
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Athlete Church	●台湾ユニバーシアード日本語チャブレン	●使徒の働きに基づき、日本全国、韓国等、第一から第七まで約70以上の教会団体を宣教旅行	●2020 オリパラ延期 ネットなどを用い、ワークショップ、チャブレン準備	●2021 スポーツチャブレン & チャブレン準備	●コロナを通して現された神の御業(スポーツの贖い)を更に具体的に伝える	●さらに加わる同労者をワークショップ、実技で支援し教育	●スポーツ界で生きるクリスチャンが主に献身できるように支える	●現場で培われたスポーツ進学を御言葉によって形成	●Athlete Churchスポーツ神学校開設	
クリスチャンスポーツマン	みま教の現場実践、実習	日本全學を回りスポーツマンを発掘及び激励	発掘したスポーツマンを育てる、継続してスポーツマンの発掘	講演会及びセミナー実施(証及び奨励)	日本を遍歴して活きた御心をクリスチャンスポーツマンの発掘と弟子訓練を支える	クリスチャンクラブ及びアウトリーチチームを形成				
地域教会	地域教会と地域で多様な教室実施検証	日本全国の教会にスポーツ界の現状を伝え、祈りを求め、パラダイムシフトの取り組み及び、地域教会と協力宣教実施	スポーツを用いて地域教会間の連携を強化、コロナの中で現された御業をもってケアと弟子訓練実施	地域教会と共に地域宣教の準備及び実施	それぞれに合ったChurchスポーツを取り入れ次世代の育成、スポーツミニスターの訓練					
日本のスポーツ界の情勢	スポーツ界激動 ●覚せい剤逮捕 ●摂食障害万引き ●ライバルに薬物混入 ●パワハラ ●悪質タックル ●不正審判	ラグビーワールドカップ	東京オリパラの延期 ↓ スポーツ選手精神的打撃 ↓ スポーツ界の改革	パンデミックにより東京オリパラ開催延期	コロナの前とその後によって、スポーツのパラダイムシフト(主に在ってスポーツとオリンピックの贖い)					

【Prayer Requests】

- to be given good partners in the sports world to help nurture and improve the disciples of Christ
- that our couple and children can be united and walk together for God
- to be given a vehicle that can take us to the sports venues and the places in need of worship and fellowship with Christian communities.



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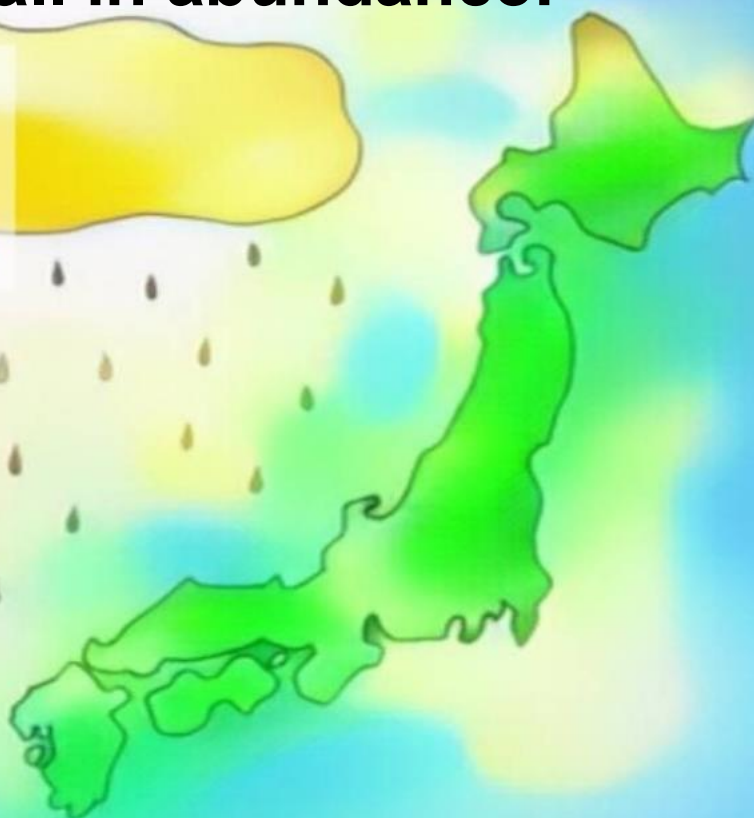
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**With unity in prayer,
may the rain of the Holy Spirit
fall in abundance!**

日本に、
聖霊の雨を
降らせよう！



Let the rain of the Holy Spirit fall upon Japan!

