【July to September 2026 AC Reports】

Thank you for your constant prayers and support.

Project Impacts for past 3 months :

(1)South Korea Mission Trip

— Connecting, Building Relationships, and Serving Together Through Sports —

From June 23 to July 14, 2026, I visited South Korea for approximately three weeks and engaged in mission work through sports in Incheon, Hanam, Busan, Seoul, and other locations.

In Incheon, we provided physical training and personal training to junior soccer players, and in Hanam, we shared the dignity of the life and bodies God has given us while engaging in physical a ctivities with homeschooling families. In Busan and Seoul, we visited churches and were given theop portunity to share the work of Athlete Church in Japan and pray together through worship, preach, and fellowship.

What I was strongly taught through this trip is that missions is not just about expanding “ministry,” but also about building “relationships.” It means valuing each individual, nurturing relationships through encounters, and conveying God’s love through those relationships. While cherishing the encounters I had in Korea, I want to continue entrusting to the Lord the work of connecting Japan and Korea, as well as the church and sports.

We also hope that mission teams involved in sports will be sent from Korea to Japan.



(2)Hokkaido Mission Trip

— Connecting the Community and the Church Through Sports, Serving Each Individual —



From August 5 to 15, 2026, based at Sapporo Minami Gospel Christian Church, we conducted a sports mission trip lasting about 10 days together with the members of UL316.

At “Cafe Olive,” a gathering place for local residents, we held a health exercise class.

While exercising with about 20 participants, we shared God’s Word and testimonies of salvation. Exercise served as a catalyst for natural connections between the church and the community, providing an opportunity to share God’s grace.

For the children, we held a track and field class for middle school students and a sprinting class for element ary school students. Even when there was only one participant, we served while praying, “For the sake of this one person” —and we were delighted when that child invited friends to come to church again. It was also a great blessing to see the children from Sapporo Minami church gain confidence through running, learn to be considerate of their friends, and grow into individuals who willingly serve others.



In addition, together with UL316, we held a “Sports Day” for children with Down syndrome and their families. Through a variety of athletic activities, we celebrated each child’s sense of accomplishment together and presented medals to everyone. Not only did the children have a chance to enjoy themselves in a safe environment, but their families also had time to interact at their own pace, making it an opportunity to convey God’s love through the words, **“Thank you for being born” and “Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.”**

Through this journey, we were reminded once again that sports have the power to connect people to one another, communities to churches, and to celebrate the existence of each individual. Furthermore, as we prayed, ate, and served together, we were able to deeply savor the **blessing of walking together as “God’s family”** with everyone from Sapporo Minami Gospel Christian Church and UL316.

Moving forward, we want to continue entrusting to the Lord our journey of meeting people through sports, building relationships, and sharing God’s love through those relationships.

(3)Local Mission Trip Initiatives

— Reaching Out in Mission Together, Across Generations —

We took a group of senior church members on a mission trip to Miyako, about an hour an d a half from Morioka. On this trip, we led health exercises together with local residents, and through that natural interaction, we were given the opportunity to share our testimonies about God’s grace and our faith. As we exercised, laughed, and chatted, it became a time of joyful fellowship and evangelism.

While “mission trips” are often thought of as activities for the younger generation, evangelism is God’s work in which anyone can participate, regardless of age. By inviting our senior members to join in this ministry, we were able to serve together across generations and experience God’s work firsthand.

Moving forward, we hope to continue connecting Morioka and Miyako, organizing ongoing mission trips with our senior members, and sharing God’s love with the local community through health and fellowship.





Testimony of life change where we have served :

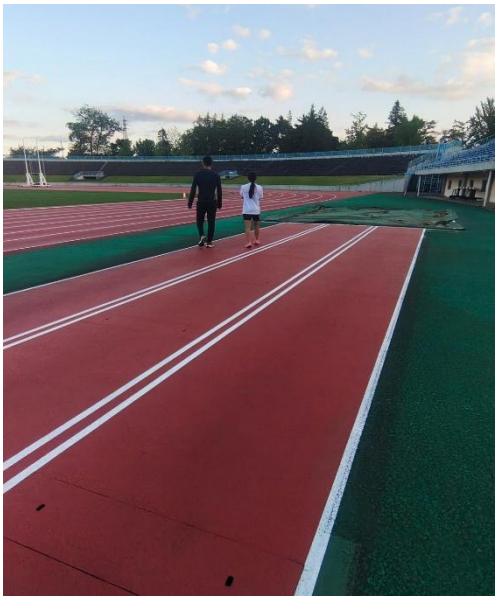
Sports Ministry That Supports Athletes' Growth

— Supporting Not Just Records, but the Growth of Each Individual —

One of the high school athletes We currently coach had been struggling to break her personal bests over the past year and felt like he had hit a plateau. In the past, she would sometimes run with a lack of confidence, but little by little, she began to smile more and truly enjoy track and field.

Then, just the other day, at the Iwate Prefectural Championships, she achieved a triple crown in the 100m, 200m, and relay events, setting a new personal best for the first time in about a year. Witnessing this brought us great joy, and we gave thanks to the Lord.

In the world of sports, there are many athletes who struggle to achieve the results they hope for, lose confidence, and feel discouraged. That is precisely why we hope to create an environment where we don't just focus on records and results, but walk alongside each athlete and support their personal growth.



It's not just about "getting faster," but also about "enjoying track and field" and "rejoicing in one's own growth." Walking along side them on this journey and sharing God's love wit h each athlete is a vital mission entrusted to us.
In order to consistently stand by these athletes and share the Gospel through sports, we are currently preparing to establish a nonprofit organization called **"Team AC"**.
We hope to create a space that supports not only athletic performance but also the mind, body, and life itself, and to share God's love from the world of sports.

Prayer & Ministry Update

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry in Japan. God has been faithfully leading us through each season, and we would love to share a few prayer requests with you.

1. Our Family

Jun — Our Son

Jun is enjoying a fulfilling season of student life, and we are especially thankful that he has found a new church where he can continue to grow in his faith.
Please pray that, through the many experiences and challenges of this season, Jun will learn to

rely on the Lord more deeply and recognize His presence in his everyday life. Pray that his relationship with God will continue to grow and that he will discover God's purposes for his life.

Lei — Our Daughter

Lei is enjoying school life and is blessed with many good friends. She is also continuing to grow through her involvement in track and field. In October, she will compete in the prefectural rookie championships.

We are thankful that she has also begun having daily devotional time. Please pray that she will grow in her relationship with the Lord and learn to put Him first as she navigates athletics, friendships, and the various challenges that come with growing up.

Pray that she will learn not only to pursue excellence in athletics, but also to trust God and follow His leading in every area of her life.

2. Our Ministry

The busy summer season of ministry has come to an end, and we are entering a slightly quieter season. We are thankful for all that God has done through the many mission trips, sports ministries, and relationships He has given us.

Mission Teams from Korea

In October, we will have many opportunities to accompany mission teams coming from Korea to Iwate. Please pray that each encounter will be a blessing and that God will use these opportunities to build deeper relationships between churches and ministries in Japan and Korea.

Pray that new connections will be established and that, together, we will experience God's work across cultures and generations.

The Next Step for Athlete Church

We are also preparing for the next season of Athlete Church. One important step is the preparation for establishing **Team AC**, a new organization through which we hope to serve athletes and young people more intentionally and share the Gospel through sports.

Please pray for wisdom, provision, and God's guidance throughout this process.

In November, we are planning a mission trip to Aomori with young people. Pray that they will not simply participate in a ministry program, but experience for themselves the joy of serving others and sharing God's love.

Mission Center

We are also praying about whether we should establish a physical location for a future Mission Center.

At this stage, we do not want to move forward simply according to our own plans. We want to listen carefully to the Lord and discern His timing and direction.

Please pray that we will have wisdom to recognize God's leading and courage to follow wherever

He leads. Pray also that, if a building is part of His plan, He will provide the right place, people, resources, and partners at the right time.

Thank You for Praying With Us

We deeply appreciate your partnership through prayer. Although we are serving in Japan, we know t hat this ministry is not something we are doing alone.

Thank you for standing with us from around the world. Please continue to pray that God would use **sports as a bridge to build relationships, connect people and communities, and communicate His love**, and that Athlete Church would faithfully follow where He leads.



Many Korean teams are scheduled to visit Iwate Prefecture in October and November. We will be participating in this mission work together.

