

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us...; yes, establish the work of our hands! Psalm 90:17

So, Dan and Carol, what have you been doing the last 40 years?



What a joy as 8 of our 9 children, 4 spouses, and 17 grandchildren (plus 2 on the way) gathered in July

Sadly, we were missing son Jonathan and family in India ☹

As these pictures show, MUCH has happened since we cut our



wedding cake Aug. 28, 1976! We celebrated our 40th on Sunday, 8/28, here in Japan. It was a little sad without any of our kids, but we enjoyed worshipping God in two of our church's worship services. Our Japanese brothers and sisters surprised us after worship during tea time with flowers and a cake. We praise the Lord for so many precious ones here, and for the way He has so richly blessed us these 40 years!



More pictures summarizing God's leading and "establishing the work of our hands" over the last 4 decades

After my 7 years as a Marine infantry officer, God led us to Reformed Theological Seminary in 1981 where our fourth child was born. God provided all of our needs through family, faithful supporters, and the Marine Corps Reserves. God also led us to Japan during the time at RTS through the clear message of the Bible - "all nations" - and through our RTS student friend Hiro Takatori from Japan. God brought our Japan team together at RTS, then continued to lead us through a pastoral internship, MTW confirmation, PCA ordination, and support raising. **We arrived in Japan with 5 children on December 6th, 1986.**



*"They ... reported all that **God** had done **through them**, and how **He** had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles" Acts 14:27*

「わたしはこの岩の上にわたしの教会を建てます」 Matthew 16:18 “On this rock I will build my church.” God used this promise to keep us going during those first years of language struggle and no visible fruit. After our initial two years of full-time language school, it took 4-6 more years to really be able to evangelize, teach, preach, disciple, and lead.

Jesus started and grew Oyumino Christ Church.

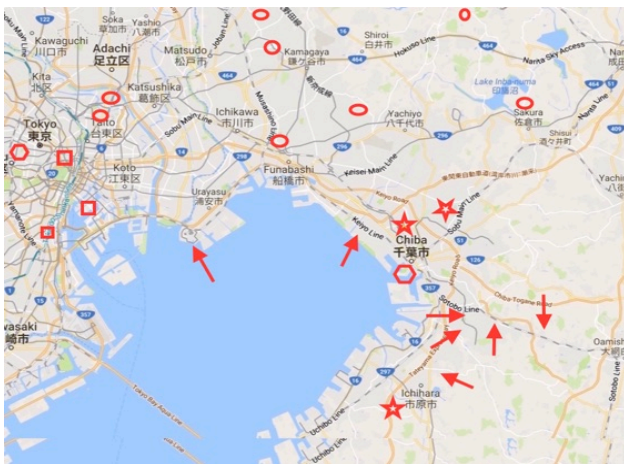
Dan was the lead church planter starting outreach over 26 years ago. OCC now has 6 Sunday worships in 3 sites.

Covenant Community School International, a growing bilingual school seeking to raise godly disciples for Japan and the world, emerged from our small MK school begun in 1989. Carol serves as full-time principal and teacher.



East Tokyo/Chiba & Tokyo City Church Planting

In 1983, three Japanese pastors asked the PCA to send a team to partner with them to establish a presbytery. There were 3 small PCJ churches in Chiba totaling about 60 people (see the 3 stars below). God richly blessed this “presbytery planting” partnership. Arrows below are MTW church plants in our PCJ partnership. Ovals are church plants by PCJ and Korean partners. The squares are 3 new plants in Tokyo City Center in partnership with the Redeemer PCA Church in NYC. The hexagons are 2 new church plants in the prep phase. Three small churches have become 21 worshipping congregations of about 1,150 people. Praise God!



*We came to Japan to give the gospel to the Japanese. By grace God has also shown us more and more of our own sin, and **how much WE need The Gospel!***

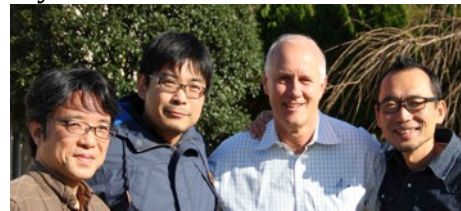


Adult and covenant children baptisms at OCC

Raising the next generation of godly, gifted, and capable leaders is one of the most important things we do.

II Tim. 2:2 *“These things entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”*

Oyumino Church's Four Pastors



Pastors Hirohashi, Nagata, and Dedachi are in their 40's. They have worked with Dan for 10, 19, and 15 years. Each did an internship with us after seminary, and later became ordained pastors. Dan is now part-time Associate Pastor since June. Praise God!

Please pray for Carol's successor at CCSI

Carol leading English track teacher's meeting



Please give thanks to God with us, and continue to pray for us and for Japan!

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