

As we approach the end of 2023 we look back on this year to mark and record how God's Kingdom is being built in Japan. In our areas of ministry and life we have witnessed God's hand at work and we give Him all the glory.

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Our main ministry at Christian Academy in Japan has been blessed with a busy fall with enrolment at capacity of nearly 470 day students and about 200 students with the homeschooling and affiliated schools department called Parallel that Jacquie is the director of.

In November, Parallel welcomed homeschooling families to the school campus to enjoy a Sports Day where the children were able to get together with others to play a variety of sports. The above photo is homeschooling students playing on the turf field.

December is a hive of activity of campus as the elementary school, middle school and high school divisions celebrate Christmas with concerts. Steve, with his crew are constantly on the move setting up and tearing down sets! The first concert with the symphonic band, jazz band and orchestra was held in the gymnasium with 450 in attendance. What a wonderful time to witness and give praise to God for the talents and hard work of the students and teachers.



Tokyo Life Church (TLC) continues to grow as it heads into its 9th year. We are grateful to be involved in the ministry of this church and in the photo you can see Steve singing on the worship team. Two weeks ago there was a baby dedication time for 8 families and this is an indication of how much the church is growing. The church members recently approved a building campaign launch as we seek God's leading for purchasing church property. Please join us in prayer.



*"May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace." Numbers 6: 24-26*

Jacquie's mother prayed this blessing on her loved ones as she said her final farewell. And we also pray this for you as the year 2023 comes to a close. We are thankful for each of you and the part you play in our lives and ministry.

May this festive season be one of remembrance of Christ's birth, and sweet times with family, friends and your community.

~ Steve and Jacquie Willson