

PRAYmissions

Encompass World Partners

Growing up in **Japan**, **Mai** didn't know a single Christian. In college, she studied in California where she met Christians and realized they had something special, and she wanted it. She started reading her Bible and praying. After she became a believer, her friends warned her that returning to Japan would be difficult. While it has been, Mai is amazed to see how God is working. She is the only Christian in her family and community, but she knows she is here for a reason. She and her husband Matt want the Japanese to know the truth of who Christ is. **Pray** that they will have opportunities to share Jesus with those around them.

Our team in Bangkok is excited about the **ministry opportunities** here. Team members continue to discover how business-as-mission can be transformational in the lives of the people it touches. **Pray** that when they interact with us, customers will find more than a quality product and friendly service. **Pray** that God opens doors for team members to share why they serve with excellence and that He grants us wisdom to select the words that can turn business relationships into authentic spiritual encounters where Jesus is proclaimed.

Ethne Initiatives creates opportunities for prayer and financial partnership with local evangelists and church planters by assisting with a portion of their training, travel, and ministry expenses. One expression of this partnership can be found in **Cameroon**, where 11 trained workers have begun to plant churches throughout the nation. If you are interested in helping the gospel spread across least-reached areas of Cameroon by supporting these evangelists.

For over 10 years, the **Dijon Fair Trade Café** has spiritually impacted the French community, and before COVID was the site of many evangelistic encounters. The recent lockdowns and personnel changes have taken a toll, forcing the board to make an important decision: close the café, or keep it open but with aggressive innovations. After much prayer, they have decided to keep it open for the present and bring on a consultant to help them determine the best course of action for the café's future. **Pray** for God's guidance in this strategizing process.

See the Welcome Center bulletin board for the full missionary prayer letters.

February 7, 2021

GRACE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Today's Message: *"Houston, We Have a Problem!"*

Today's Text: *John 5*

Today's Speaker: *Pastor Bob Foote*

Great to have you at Grace!



~ Experiencing God, Encouraging People ~

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Week of Feb 7

Sunday

10:15 am Worship Service

5:30pm Improv

Wednesday

6:30 pm Young Church

Sensible singing? Holy humming? Gospel greetings?

Public worship will be different for a while, but seeking God and encouraging people are always worth the effort!

Check emails, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/228200600551840/>), and www.hhgcc.org for online studies and more information.

Keep praying as God has his hands on all of us. Let us know how we can help you help your neighbors.

Stewardship Report

Weekly Goals

Local Budget: \$6,090
Missions: \$779

Received Jan 31

Local Budget: \$6,160
Missions: \$378
Love Bag: \$71
Adopt: \$6
Care: \$13

Message from Pam Jacobs: To convey with words my overwhelming gratitude for your support and prayers during these last six months is nearly impossible. All I can say is that you have indeed reflected the love and care of our Lord Jesus. When the doctors said that John would not make it past mid-October and when I cried out to God that I couldn't last one more day, your prayers carried us both through the storm. Your many hands that prepared meals and feet that drove over to bring food are indeed the hands and feet of Christ. Your hearts and spirits that poured into us love and encouragement were most certainly Spirit-driven. You may not realize it, but your testimony was shared with not only our families, but also with dozens of health care workers. When they inevitably asked how I was coping, I shared what my church family was doing. John's primary Hospice homecare nurse, in particular, teared up when I shared that our small group drove a plate of food to me every single day for weeks. "I hope you know what an amazing support system you have," she commented. I did then—and I do now. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Volunteers: From time to time, the church has minor fix-it projects requiring skills in carpentry, electricity, plumbing, equipment repair, and landscaping. Do you have extra time on your hands and wondering where you can help? Volunteer your time and talent, please call John Miller 937-667-3642. If we don't have volunteers, we will have to hire outside personnel. Thanks!

CE National ministry partners have a new name: Momentum Ministry Partners, and a new website launching buildmomentum.org. For more information via email about updates in each of our ministries we invite you to subscribe on the new website!

Next Week:

Text: John 6

SEE YOU
Next Week!
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We would love to pray for you! Receive GCC's email prayer updates. Visit GCC's website, hhgcc.org (see QR code at the right). Use the contact us link at the bottom of the main page under "Our Church." Consider joining the "announcements" group at the same time to have access to GCC's inclement weather cancellation information. You may also checkout our Facebook page as we put prayer updates there as well.



Y-T-D Financial Update

GCC's budget status on Jan 31, 2020:

Local: -\$19,124 (behind)

Missions: -\$2,274 (behind)

RightNow Media describes itself as "the Netflix for Christians" complete with Bible study materials and Christian entertainment for adults and children. GCCers can join for free! Send an email to pastor@hhgcc.org to receive and invite to RightNow Media and receive "the keys" to access the site. Apps are available for many devices.

MISSIONS This investment is way up! the Great Commission. Our missionary teammates serve in Japan, UK, France, Cameroon, Brazil. Mark your offering "Missions" (check memo or donor envelope. Dollars given without designation are used for our local outreach and operating budget).

Is this your first time at Grace?

So glad you're here! Please fill out the yellow-green visitor card so we can say hi and get to know you better. Hope to see you again soon!

Need to borrow something from GCC? To help us keep track of church property, please contact the church office prior to borrowing things. We will verify that no one needs it for their ministry before you sign it out. *Thanks for your help with this!*

About Us

Purpose

Grace Community Church exists for God—for His praise and purpose and to display His character and compassion.

We are to worship Him, grow to be like Him, and encourage others to believe in and follow Him

(See: Eph. 3:20; John 15:8, 16; Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18-20)

Pattern

- Cultivating people with a growing love for God and His truth.
- Rejoicing in our worship.
- Strengthening our families.
- Encouraging each other with words, prayer, and actions.
- Actively reaching our world near and far.



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College of Elders

Bob Dawson
Bob Foote
John Miller
Mark Mohler
Steve Oder
Jerry Root
Ron Sheranko
Barry Wideman

Staff

Senior Pastor: Bob Foote
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Communications: Tiffany Richter
Facilities Care: Kearsen Wideman
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