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BI-ANNUAL UPDATE

2022 IS GOING STRONG

God has been moving in many ways this year! We had a wonderful spring semester of GLOW & Learn that brought many new guests who were introduced to Jesus in a very gentle yet compelling way!

GLOW Kids tripled in numbers between February and May! God is bringing many precious children and their moms to learn about his great love for them!

GLOW Youth has welcomed several new teens as well as two new leaders! These new leaders are bringing a great energy to the group!

The guests of GLOW are offered a variety of weekly study opportunities through our 1:1 ESL Bible Study program, Japanese Bible study, small group studies and Japanese house church.

WAYS YOU CAN PRAY

There are many new families arriving and we would like to connect with them. There are many families who have returned to Japan, may they continue to grow in faith. Continued effort to partner with individuals and churches financially.

THANK YOU

We cherish your prayers and support! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for believing in what God is doing through GLOW!

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

- Naoko visits Japan!
- GLOW Youth participate in a mission trip to TN
- Summer gatherings at different locations for adults + children
- Weekly youth gatherings
- GLOW Kids Camp





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Youth Summer Mission 2022

SUMMER 2022 UPDATE

A FRUITFUL SUMMER

Summer 2022 began with a Youth Mission trip to Nashville, TN. The youth partnered with Acklen Avenue Church of Christ to paint houses in Nashville. The experience was a first for all of them and they learned a lot about serving others and the love of Jesus. The youth also had weekly gatherings which helped build community as they studied the book of Genesis.

Naoko visited Japan! She had 1:1 and group time with returnees. She was able to listen, study, pray and support them. She met with pastors, missionaries and attended church with several returnees! **Without your generous donations, this trip would not have been possible. Thank you!**

Glow Kids enjoyed a very full kids camp! We had over 50 people in attendance and the kids were able to learn about Jesus, play games, make friends and worship!

Throughout the summer we enjoyed many family gatherings like Lake Days and sightseeing outings. It was a fun and casual way to get to know the many new comers from Japan.

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FALL HAPPENINGS

- Glow & Learn resumes
- Discipleship training
- Japanese studies
- Youth Girls study
- New 1:1 partnerships begin
- Glow Kids + Youth resumes
- New class called "Girl Time" launches
- Annual Undokai



Glow Kids Camp



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SPRING 2023 UPDATE

FALL 2022 RE-CAP

GLOW Kids continues to be a very effective way to attract newcomers and share about Jesus. Children age 1 - 12 years old attend. They are learning about how God loves them through Bible stories, worship, games, and crafts. **We appreciate our kid's coordinator, Rachel, and all the prayer and work she invests in this ministry!**

GLOW Youth continues to meet, but an obstacle we face busy schedules for the leaders and the youth. Please pray for our efforts! At Youth, they are learning who God is through games, teaching and discussion. **We appreciate our leaders, Caleb and Samantha, and they time they invest in the youth!**

The 1:1 Partnership program attracted many new people! **This program is thriving, with 30 partnerships taking place all over GA, TN, and Japan! We appreciate our 1:1 Coordinator, Fiona!**

GLOW & Learn is the entry point for all new people! We welcomed 12+ newcomers and enjoyed teaching them about God. We also added a service component to this program. As a group, we volunteered at Bloom, a foster child organization in Fayette County, GA.

Undokai and the Christmas Party brought the highest attendance yet! These are annual events that are fun for the whole family. We were able to teach about Jesus, all while having fun celebrating together.

Weekly ongoing efforts such as Japanese Bible studies, Teen Talk, Restoring Your Heart studies, **and an online Bible study in Japan led by a local missionary continue to be powerful and effective in leading people to Christ.**



Celebrating the baptism of
2 new believers!

SPRING HAPPENINGS

- Glow & Learn resumes
- Discipleship training
- Japanese studies
- New 1:1 partnerships begin
- Glow Kids + Youth resumes
- GLOW Leaders attend the Reaching Japanese for Christ Conference in Southern California.



Glow Kids

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February 2023



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SUMMER 2023 UPDATE

SPRING 2023 RE-CAP

In March, we attended the **Reaching Japanese for Christ Conference**. This was a time of learning, networking, and encouragement! Thank you for your donations, as it helped make this opportunity possible!

GLOW Kids attracted many new families this Spring! Meeting on Fridays at 4:15 PM, families come for a time of games, worship, story, and play! Glow Kids hosted an Easter Egg Hunt, where the gospel was shared with all who attended. **We appreciate our kid's coordinator, Rachel, and all the prayer and work she invests in this ministry!**

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GLOW + Learn attendees formed a special bond this semester. Meeting at local coffee shops, Trilith, Grace Church, and even served at Bloom, a local non-profit. **We were able to share the gospel** with our attendees, which led to many people becoming true seekers.

Glow + Friends, our first supporter appreciation event and fundraiser, was in March! We enjoyed showing appreciation to our supporters through food, gifts, and a GLOW Kids song performance, including kids joining on Zoom from Japan! We also shared our goals for the future! Thank you to those who attended and donated!

Online **volunteer training with The Mustard Seed Network** based in Japan began in April! We are thankful for this partnership as well as a partnership with Cultivate Next, a local organization.

Japanese Bible Study led by Tak and Lana Oue is learning about **biblical views on marriage**. The ladies are giving great feedback!

KBSJ, an **online returnees study** in Japan led by Tammy Junker, is very active and diving into the Bible!

Finally, our KBS Bible study group led by Rachel and Ayako is **discussing parenting teens!**

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

- Glow Kids Summer Camp
- Women's Day Retreat
- Family Fun Days
- Team Mission Trip to Japan
- Youth Camping Trip



Glow Kids



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JAPAN MISSION TRIP OVERVIEW

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS! GOD WAS GLORIFIED, HEARTS WERE STIRRED,

valuable connections were made, and leaders were empowered. We appreciate the generosity of our supporters. This trip laid the foundation for what we hope to be many trips in the future. We want to share with you what your support helped us accomplish!

GOD WAS GLORIFIED

We were able to host 4 separate day retreats. We met in community centers and rented spaces. Those in attendance were Christians, seekers, and even some new to GLOW participants! Together we worshiped, listened, studied and prayed. Those present were encouraged in their faith and renewed in spirit! This renewal overflowed into their homes and relationships. For those who were new to GLOW, we were able to share the gospel with them! All glory to God for his living and active presence!

HEARTS WERE STIRRED

Spending one on one time with returnees was a precious time. We were able to listen to their experiences adjusting to life back in Japan. We offered love, prayer, counsel and shared the gospel with those who were ready to hear. After spending time together, many communicated that they realized how much they have missed and needed the body of Christ. They shared that, "they were awakened, not even realizing that they were asleep." Their faith was rejuvenated by our visit and they long for us to come back. We also received many texts and communications asking for prayer for God to make himself real to them, or to increase their faith.

VALUABLE CONNECTIONS WERE MADE

One of the goals of the trip was to connect with missionaries, Japanese pastors and churches. We were able to attend 6 churches! It was wonderful to have many returnees join us at these churches! We were also able to spend time with 5 Japanese pastors and a few Japanese believers who are willing to minister. They shared with us the current state of the church in Japan and offered a network of church connection opportunities for our returnees. We were also able to spend time with American missionaries and learn from their experiences as well as connect with their networks of resources!

LEADERS WERE EMPOWERED

A very special time we had took place in the home of one of our three GLOW Japan Leaders! Together we were able to offer guidance and training on how to be a leader and what will be required of them. We shared with them why they were selected to lead in this way, making sure they know all the wonderful strengths we see in them. In addition, we had the opportunity to have a meaningful conversation with one of the husbands, asking his blessing on his wife as a GLOW Leader. To hear him verbally support her work and the mission of GLOW was so exciting! GLOW Japan has three solid, faithful leaders and they are committed to leading, teaching and sharing the love of Jesus with returnees. Their energy has encouraged us too! These leaders have already begun leading! Churches have been visited, Bible studies have been established and led and meetings at Christian bookstores have taken place!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS FALL?

FALL 2023

Glow Kids launched in September! The children are starting at the beginning of the Bible, learning who God is and what His plan for salvation is. Glow Kids is well attended and both moms and kids enjoy coming on Friday afternoons.

Rachel McEachron, the Glow Kids leader had a baby boy on September 29! We welcome Silas McEachron to our Glow family! Prior to his arrival, Rachel did a great job of lining up teachers and leaders from both the Glow Community and the American community. We are excited to see how God uses each of these people this Fall!

Glow Youth said goodbye to two of our OG's! (Original Glows). Thankfully these two teens were able to attend our Summer Camping Trip and we hope to connect with them in Japan soon. Glow Youth has resumed meeting on a monthly basis. We have more teens than ever and we continue to pray for a leader.

Glow + Learn kicked off in September! Julie, the Glow + Learn coordinator has created a meaningful program for our attendees each Wednesday that we meet. Julie is combining both a scripture discussion and an English idiom discussion. This connection point is well attended and is a safe place for deep discussion about faith and the Bible.

Our 8th annual **Undokai** was on October 15th! Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes. It was a blast and everyone enjoyed fellowshiping, playing games, and more!

Fiona Thiessen, the 1:1 Coordinator will be hosting a 1:1 gathering in November and we anticipate a full house being that we currently have 30 1:1 partnerships taking place!

Ongoing regular meetings taking place that combine the US + Japan: monthly online prayer meetings, leadership training for Japan leaders, weekly online discipleship study for believers,

GLOW JAPAN

Glow Japan is led by three leaders who work together to encourage, visit, bring to church and meet with returnees as often as possible. KBSJ is an online Bible study that takes place every week led by a local missionary. We are in need of more KBSJ Leaders. Please pray that we can find more!

Glow @ Home, an online group provides monthly encouragement and Bible teaching for all returnees.

SUMMER RE-CAP

- Glow Kids Summer Camp (40+ kids came)
- Women's Day Retreat (7 ladies joined)
- Family Fun Days (lake day, water day)
- Team Mission Trip to Japan (re-cap previously sent)
- Youth Camping Trip (10 teens came)

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

- Monthly online prayer meeting. See social for dates.
- New Giving Page coming soon! Stay tuned.
- We need more volunteers! glowintl.org/serve

Thank you to everyone who bought Panda Express! We raised **\$79.12!**



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WINTER?

WINTER 2024

Glow Kids ended 2023 with a cookie decorating party hosted by Glow Kids leader, Rachel McEachron! In January, they began rotating meetings between Grace Church in Fayetteville, GA and Crossroads Church in Newnan, GA to make sure both area needs are met. This semester, one child has already shared that she believes in Jesus!

Glow + Learn began its 2nd semester with an upgrade! After a year of prayer and preparation, an ESL component was added to this gateway program. We are now meeting 3 times a month at The Bridge in Peachtree City, GA and are excited to meet this need for our guests in addition to offering a 30-minute devotional led by Julie Schaffer, the Glow + Learn Coordinator.

Mission Trip, a team including Naoko Uechi and Noah Uechi traveled in December and hosted many gatherings including a Christmas Party for all returnees! Another team trip including Noah Uechi, Doug Jones and Melody Jones will take place March 20 - April 9. Pray for safety, health and effectiveness.

Fiona Thiessen, the 1:1 Coordinator will be hosting a 1:1 gathering in March and we anticipate a full house being that we currently have 30 1:1 partnerships taking place! This program is one of our most popular and we are always looking for more English speaking Christians to join our team!

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FALL RE-CAP

- Undokai Family Day
- ESL Leaders Learning Trip to Michigan
- Thanksgiving Potluck Celebration
- Christmas Party

SPRING GLANCE

- Team Mission Trip to Japan
- ESL Classes
- 1:1 Meetings
- Applying for grants!

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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- Giving Menu on glowintl.org
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