

Liberty Christ Bible Institute

Shimonoseki Christ Bible Church Campus

One Savior.
One Church.
One City.

Impact an Entire City Impact the Japanese Nation





The Church Met in the Haug's Home During the First Years

"On this rock I (Jesus Christ) will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Believing God's promise, Tony Haug and his family moved to the northern part of Shimonoseki City, Japan on March 13, 1989. It soon became clear that God had something special that He was already doing in this city. In three months, the Haugs saw the first fruits of their ministry--the salvation of the first person in their neighborhood. Like a tidal wave, the Holy Spirit moved powerfully through these new missionaries





Construction of Church Building in the northern part of Shimonoseki City

and each new believer. Within five years the church grew to more than sixty members and experienced God's amazing provision of land and a brand new building. In the year 2000, this body of Japanese believers caught God's vision to reach their entire city with the good news of Jesus Christ. In six months,



they put an evangelistic tract-church pamphlet into the 100,000 homes of Shimonoseki City praying for each family as they went. Since then thirty new people have put their faith in Christ and many more are being reached. These are not just professions of faith, but radical lifechange commitments to follow Christ. They hunger for God's Word and are eager to obey God. One by one they are burning their idols, leaving unethical jobs, and identifying with Christ in the waters of baptism and in their everyday lives.





Shimonoseki Christian Center (City Bank's Previous Head Office) before Renovations

Next, God led this church to take that extra step of faith to plant God's church in another part of their city. It was their prayer that those living in the southern part of their city could walk or ride a bus to one of our worship-evangelism centers within twenty minutes. For years several hundred believers have been praying for God to enable them to reach all of Shimonoseki City with the gospel. In 2003 the church received an unbelievable offer from the biggest bank in Shimonoseki. They offered the church the opportunity to pur-





chase their former head office along with its large parking lot. This is a huge facility that is located in Shimonoseki's downtown business and shopping district and is within an eight minute walk from Shimonoseki's main train station. This location makes the ministry easily accessible to everyone in Shimonoseki but also to the more than 1.5 million Japanese in the next city of Kitakyushu. The bank seriously pursued this deal and made concession after concession for the church to sell them this two million dollar piece of property. The final deal was the absurd price of \$500,000, no down payment, a low monthly payment of \$1600 (along with some one time payments dispersed throughout a twenty-five year plan), delay on the first payment for twelve months, and the land and building set as the only security. The new ministry









center now houses a Christian bookstore, a large worship/evangelistic meeting hall, English language out-reach classrooms, and three dorm rooms. It is exciting to know that God intends to fill this building with hundreds of worshippers and bring honor to his name and encouragement to his people in Shimonoseki and southwestern Japan.

Seventeen years after the first meetings in the Haug's home, over 400 Japanese have professed Christ and because of schooling and job transfers a third of those who were saved in this ministry are now living in different parts of Japan and other countries. Presently, about ninety believers gather each week in the two locations. This is only the beginning. With over 300,000 people in Shimonoseki alone and several million in neighboring cities, God seems to be leading the Haugs and the church in Shimonoseki to look to God to do even more than they every imagined. Over the last couple of months, Pastor Tony Haug has been sought after to help start a three-year course Bible Institute and a missionary internship program for students in the cross-cultural ministries program at Liberty University. Just last week, the bank that offered the church the building which is the present Shimonoseki Christian Center is now offering another wonderful facility located in the eastern part of Shimonoseki. After one look at this building, Pastor Tony Haug, could easily envision a Bible Institute and a university satellite campus taking place there.







Pastor Tony Haug is looking for others who would capture the vision of impacting an entire city with the gospel of Jesus Christ—a vision of Bible training centers located in various parts of the city which would train both foreign and Japanese church leaders as they make Christ known in the city. A primary challenge to this vision is money. Think of it, ninety believers carrying out a vision to reach its city of 300,000 and the millions around it. May God raise up people who would hear the call to join them in the battle. Right now, the biggest encouragement would be to open the gates for many co-workers to join them in the battle by providing the training facilities and meeting locations for worship. This is where you come into the pic-





ture. Ninety Japanese believers would need to pay about 1.5 million dollars towards making this dream a reality. It would take each of them giving about \$140 a month for the next ten years or \$55 a month for the next twenty-five years to this project to be able to pay it off. They have already paid for half of the loan on the church building in the northern part of the city but still have about \$167,000 left to pay on it. For the new Christian Center in the southern part of the city that houses the only Christian bookstore for the entire prefecture, they still have \$615,000 to pay on that loan. Then, there is the possible eastern campus with an estimated price of \$625,000. Would you consider joining hands with these Japanese believers as God leads them to advance throughout the city with the gospel of Jesus Christ?











(The Back Door Leads to a Hallway; Envision At Least Four Dorm Rooms or Classrooms)









(Though in good condition, this building will also need some repairs and renovation)











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