

From the editor

For this issue, we would like to share a testimony from the mission trip to Southern California, "Time of New Joy," by Satsuki Arai, a staff worker in NY, and "Praise Reached to the Entire Earth!" by Hisae Yagi, a leader in CA, together with reports of the Bible Study in Wilderness in June, "Praise Gave Me Eternal Life" by David Santo.

Time of New Joy

Satsuki Arai (New York)

From July 16th, Yuki, a staff worker from Japan and I were sent on a 5-day mission trip to Southern California. Yusei, the son of a staff worker in Japan who lives in LA, picked us up at the airport.

Our first stop was downtown LA, the senior apartment complex where our house church leader, Haruko lives in Little Tokyo. On the way, Yusei drove us through Skid Row, the area where thousands of homeless people and drug addicts live. The crime rate there is really high. But strangely, we felt something warm covering that place. I thought it was because praise flowed from the gathering held in Little Tokyo, right next to the area, for years.

I think everyone has some kind of pain or sadness hidden in their heart. The way it manifests depends on the person. I too was saved by Christ in praise from severe depression and drug addiction. The only thing that can heal people and cities is the Cross of Christ.

When we arrived at Haruko's place, we told her about Skid Row. She said, "The area has been reduced by a few blocks, and now it is safer than before." As we sang "M'barach Ho Marya"

and “Yeshu” with Haruko, it resonated deeply. Regional Worship service has been held every month in this complex, so we felt that the praise flowing from here kept healing those who are in pain and suffering, even reaching people in Skid Row. I believe that worship is the true light in this city.

On Sunday, in the Regional Worship service, the multi-dimensional praise of “Time of New Joy” in Japanese and English was absolutely amazing! The powerful resonance of the praise created a wave, and it felt as if God’s life was flowing. “M’barach Ho Marya” and “Yeshu” also had a very deep resonance. After the worship, all the leaders were overjoyed and said, “This is the first time we sang a multi-dimensional praise like this!”

Recently, in our church, the light of the Lord is being shed on the things that block the life of worship in Spirit and truth. And problems, as well as clashes among people, are being led to the true peace of Christ in the midst of praise. In California, too, I heard the leaders clashed over a difference of opinion and couldn’t sing praises together as one.

However, as we praised the Lord together, each leader was able to accept their differences in the resonance of praise. And they realized that their differences became the joy of praise resonating with one another.

This time, as we resonated in praise, we were grateful even for the clashes and differences in opinions. And in this service, we felt everything turned into thanksgiving.

We also sang “Alleluia of Let Us Become the Wind” in the service, and we all truly became the wind of the Lord and praised freely.

♪ Alleluia of Let Us Become the Wind(1)

There is another house church leader named Keiko in this senior apartment. But she was hospitalized because of a broken

bone. So, we visited her after the service.

She was very delighted and said, “This morning, somebody handed out music sheets and Shimada sensei came here!” We thought ‘Shimada sensei’ was a doctor’s name at first. Because *Sensei* means doctor or teacher in Japanese. But it was about Peter sensei (Pastor Peter). She repeatedly said, “Can you believe it? Shimada Sensei came here!” and she told us something strange, “But you know, I couldn’t see him.”

Then we praised together “*Livore Ejus*,” and it was very beautiful. At the moment, we realized that Keiko’s soul joined this morning’s Regional Worship service and was resonating with praise together! And also in spirit, Pastor Peter was praising there with us too! I believe what she said is true. She met him in spirit in praise. Even though it was invisible to her eyes, I believe she spiritually resonated together in the praise.

I was very impressed that we can transcend time and space and truly become one in praise.

♪ *Livore Ejus*

On the last day of the mission trip, we held a gathering at Kaori’s place with Mrs. Mense, a house church leader, her daughter, her grandson, and his girlfriend. Mrs. Mense is 91 years old, and this year she decided to move to a nursing home in Japan, leaving all her families in the States. So she wishes to convey the joy of praising the Lord to her daughter and grandson.

And when we sang, “Amen of the Word in the Beginning,” everyone began to cry and cried till the end of the gathering.

After the gathering, Yuki and I prayed for each person individually, and a great healing was poured upon each of them. They sobbed, but I believe that even before we prayed, they were directly touched by the Lord in praise.

Mrs. Mense’s daughter told us, “I don’t know why I cried so much but it always happens when I come to Kohitsuji no

Mure's worship service. But today was so special." I believe it was the deep healing in Christ. Yuki and I were in tears as well.

♪ Amen of the Word in the Beginning

During this mission trip, the verses from Ephesians we read in the gathering at Hisae's house are still resonating in my heart.

In the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.

(Ephesians 1:10-11 NKJ)

Wherever we went, praise resonated so beautifully. Things in heaven and on earth, people's pain, sorrow, loneliness, and the problems of the city—all things in Christ resonated together as one in praise.

Praise itself was conveying the Lord's love. In praise, people were reconciled and healed deeply. I believe that those who were touched by praise will never fail to return to the love of Christ. And the Lord makes people live in true joy in praise.

I was deeply moved witnessing that we are predestined according to His purpose, which is the vision of praise of our church.

There is nothing that praise cannot heal. I believe that this praise will bring all thing as one in Christ.

Lord, I thank You for Your praise and for each one of our house church gatherings. May the whole world be filled with Your heavenly praise. Amen.

August 11, 2026

Praise Reached to the Entire Earth!

Hisae Yagi (Arcadia, CA)

I usually hold the house church gathering in Arcadia alone, but I am truly grateful that we could worship together with five people this time. It was a time when the Lord's will and love moved our hearts deeply.

When Yuki gave us guidance on praise, even a tiny adjustment, the resonance of our praise was dramatically changed and I was deeply moved. As we tried the multi-dimensional praise, I felt as if it were rising straight up. I thought that the vision, "Everything is completed in praise," and "The love of Christ alone is sufficient," was being fulfilled during our worship. Through this house church praise gathering, I experienced firsthand the power of the Heavenly Praise that the Lord has given us. I believe that the praise from this gathering reached Los Angeles and the entire earth.

For the Regional Worship service in Little Tokyo on Sunday, 11 people were gathered. I felt the praise echoing, swelling, and rising to heaven. I believe the people in heaven were praising with us, too. It was truly overwhelming to think that just 11 people could create such powerful multi-dimensional praise. Every single person was different, but we were all chosen by the Lord just to become instruments of praise, sending it from LA to the entire earth. Homelessness is a huge issue in LA, but praise filled the earth, overcoming all global issues. Although it is invisible to our eyes, I believe the Lord's will is being fulfilled. Also, the prayer offered by Ms. Iwanaga (a house church leader) was filled with the Holy Spirit and deeply touched my heart.

Now many things happen daily, such as frequent crimes, natural disasters, and man-made disasters. Although we are just a small flock of praise, I felt blessed that we could become

instruments of praise and deliver the Lord's healing through it. Believing that praise will fill not only Los Angeles but also the entire earth, and that the Lord's will be done, I want to keep the praise flowing without ceasing.

May the Lord's healing and God's true peace come upon all things—endless wars, global warming, any energy trying to cause disasters and earthquakes, the economy problems, sickness, all crimes, and the pain, sorrow, anger, and cries of every single person and all creation.

July 29, 2026

“Hato Praise List” Is Renewed !

Now you can search by a keyword or the name of the books of the Bible (Isaiah, psalm, etc.) and easily find the praise you are looking for. Please check it.



The Bible Study in the Wilderness in June 2026: “Christ Is All”

A renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

(Colossians 3:11 NASB)

In reality, discrimination and division exist everywhere. Why do you think Paul could declare that there was no discrimination? Also, what does “Christ is all and in all” mean to you? Please write freely about it.

Praise Gave Me Eternal Life

David Santo (San Jose, CA)

I believe there is no discrimination because God exists everywhere, which means he makes sure there is no discrimination in anything.

I used to think God is only fair not perfect. But if God didn't allow there to be mistakes, we would never learn and become better people.

Some mistakes that I went through is a DUI and drug use, which leads to being hospitalized and going to rehabs. Going through these hard times allowed me to grow and change. During these times it was very difficult for me to live. At times I contemplated suicide and even attempted it.

Little by little, step by step God brought me out. As I went to worship I started to believe more and felt relieved. All of my 20s were hell. I was in and out of mental facilities. Keeping my faith in God allowed me to stay grounded even though I was troubled still doing drugs.

There was one Heavenly Praise song “Lele Wale Akua La (H-1030)” that made me feel safe. We sang it at one of my hospital visits and it gave me life and kept my spirits high.

In my opinion there is no discrimination because I believe God lives within me. Through his eyes he sees life and no differences.

That's why I think Paul said there is no discrimination because Paul allows God to live in him. Now I also allow God to live within me. I learned there is no discrimination through the eyes of God.

Christ doesn't discriminate. "Christ is all and in all" means He sees everything as "life."

There is no comparison. He tries to get us to be closer to him. He is life so the only thing He can give is life. Eternal life.

Thank You, Lord.

June 3, 2026

Invitation to Bible Study in the Wilderness

In Kohitsuji no Mure church, we hold "Bible Study in the Wilderness" once every two months.

The theme for October is "Listen to the Lord." We truly wish you to know the joy of living on the Word of God.

Please send your report to aranoseiken@kohitsuji.com and join us!

"Listen to the Lord"

Due Date: October 7, 2026

Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David.

(Isahia 55:3)

How do you relate to the words, "Listen, that you may live"? Please freely write whatever comes to mind.