
An Opportunity to Help C-on Kinshuko Camp in Japan



Rebuild for the Future

The history of C-on (Zion) Kinshuko Camp and its role in Christian ministry in Japan



C-on Kinshuko Camp is nestled in the lush mountains of Iwate prefecture in Northern Japan. Since the first director, Jim Weber, launched it in 1968, the camp has been serving wide constituencies as one of the few Christian camps in the Northeastern region of Japan.

At its inception, the camp primarily served youth, but presently, it hosts camps that meet the needs of diverse clients, including serene camps for the elderly, and retreats for families and singles. Additionally, since the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, much needed retreats for the Christian workers in the disaster area have been held at C-on Kinshuko Camp. Over the past 46 years, the camp has expanded and has been utilized by people of all ages.

During these 46 years, approximately 80,000 people used the camp, with many of them encountering and accepting Jesus Christ at C-on Kinshuko Camp. Sixty percent of the pastors who serve in the Conservative Baptist Church Association (the organization that owns the camp), as well as many who became overseas missionaries, have either made the decision to believe or have dedicated their lives for full time service to God while at the camp. Countless people have found repose in the gospel, gave and received encouragement, and gained friends for life, through the camp environment filled with God's hospitality and his beautiful creation.



Yoshihiro Kurita, Yagiyama Bible Baptist Church, Pastor

I was saved through the ministry of the Navigators while I was a college student. The following year, I attended a work-camp hosted by the Navigators. It was a very rigorous camp involving cutting grass for three weeks. During this camp, I was trained to be obedient to the Lord, to have the attitude of service and to nurture the spirit of evangelism. These characteristics continue to live in my ministry as a pastor of a church.



Masayoshi Nakano, Izumi Bible Baptist Church, Pastor

Many years past, as a master's degree student in the engineering department, a summer after being baptized, I attended a work camp hosted by the international Navigators. There I made the decision to dedicate my life for full-time service to God. Thinking back, I decided without knowing what my decision would entail. However, God never forgot my decision and guided me.

Several years later, during one winter, in the midst of a struggle in my doctorate thesis, I decided to attend the New Year's Camp to refresh my mind. One of the programs was to create a statue using snow. We competed against teams. I joined a team with two men and two women. I talked to one of the women for the first time and the next spring, I married her. Without attending the New Year's Camp, I might not have married her. The other man and the woman also got married. Two families were born out of one team. How thankful we are!! Thinking over this, I realize the significance of the camp ministry. Even in these changing times, I expect great ministry will continue through the C-on Kinshuko Camp.



Masashi Sato, Fukushima First Bible Baptist Church, Associate Pastor

C-on Kinshuko Camp is like my hometown. On seminal occasions during my life, I have received repose and new power at the camp. More importantly, I have been attending the camp since I was a toddler and my faith was nurtured and many important decisions were made while I was at the camp. God touched me during the camp programs and I decided to become baptized and to commit myself to full-time service for God. There are so many blessings that I received from the camp and that's what supports me as a pastor.

Masayoshi Konno, Yonezawa Fukudamachi Chapel, Pastor

My faith would not have existed without C-on Kinshuko Camp. The friends I met at Kinshuko are my precious friends in faith. I can talk to them about anything. It was also at Kinshuko that I made the decision to dedicate myself fully to the Lord. I also gained important tools for the job in ministry. As a pastor, I treasure all the experiences and the blessings that I gained at Kinshuko.





Atsuko Suzuki, Sendai First Bible Baptist Church, Pastor's wife

Kinshuko provided me opportunities to grow in faith when I most needed it in my teenage years. Even though I could not attend church regularly back then, I was able to go to Kinshuko every summer, where I found true Christian love and fellowship. I also found the joy of serving our Lord, which led me to where I am now.

Takeshi Sakuma, Tsukuba Grace Chapel, Pastor

From the time I was a junior high student, I received opportunities for spiritual inspiration and growth and yet I regressed repeatedly. During a camp one spring, I repented and met the Lord. Now I pastor a church. At C-on Kinshuko Camp, I was surrounded by the beauty of God's creation and the special atmosphere of the camp. Delicious meals, friends, and God's word were all wonderful gifts to me. Now I look forward to my children meeting the Lord at the camp and experiencing the best moments of their lives at C-on Kinshuko.



Megumi Hari, Saikyo Christ Church, Pastor's wife



I started attending the camp from the spring prior to entering junior high school. There, I received assurance of faith and during my college years, I made the decision to devote myself to full-time service for the Lord. During important points in my life, God always spoke to me at the camp. I now serve the Lord as a pastor's wife. Even though my husband had never attended Kinshuko Camp in the past, he now looks forward to visiting the camp several times a year. My children who are in junior high and elementary school also love attending the age appropriate camp programs. C-on Kinshuko Camp has become a hometown for our family.

Kumiko Nagasawa, Missionary amongst the deaf people in Korea

I became a Christian when I was a senior in high school at my home church in Kaminoyama. After that, I decided to dedicate my whole life to God at Kinshuko Bible Camp. Now I have been working as a missionary amongst the deaf people in Korea since 1984, so I will never forget this place where I received many blessings! I thank God for having this precious opportunity to share this testimony with you. God bless you.



Jun Kawasaki, missionary in Peru

Ever since I was a child, Kinshuko has always been a place of spiritual growth and encouragement for me. I decided to dedicate my life to Jesus at one of the Kinshuko High School Camps that I went to. Currently, I am serving as a missionary in Peru.

The background for the building project

The original camp building, which was built 46 years ago, has not been in use for the past six years due to deterioration and so we have been hosting camps in the annex, in a limited capacity. We began discussion of the new building project ten years ago and have been in desperate need of a new facility since then. Yet, due to lack of funds, we have not been able to launch the building project. Furthermore, the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 greatly affected the construction business due to the massive needs for the reconstruction of the disaster zone. Due to a lack of building materials and human resources, the cost for building projects inflated and the laws and ordinances that surround construction became increasingly stringent, making it difficult to obtain permission to begin construction. Even though we have been surrounded by these challenging circumstances, God gave us a construction company that undertook our building project a year ago, in March 2014. Currently, we can host 45 campers, but with the completion of the new building, we will be able to host up to 90 campers.

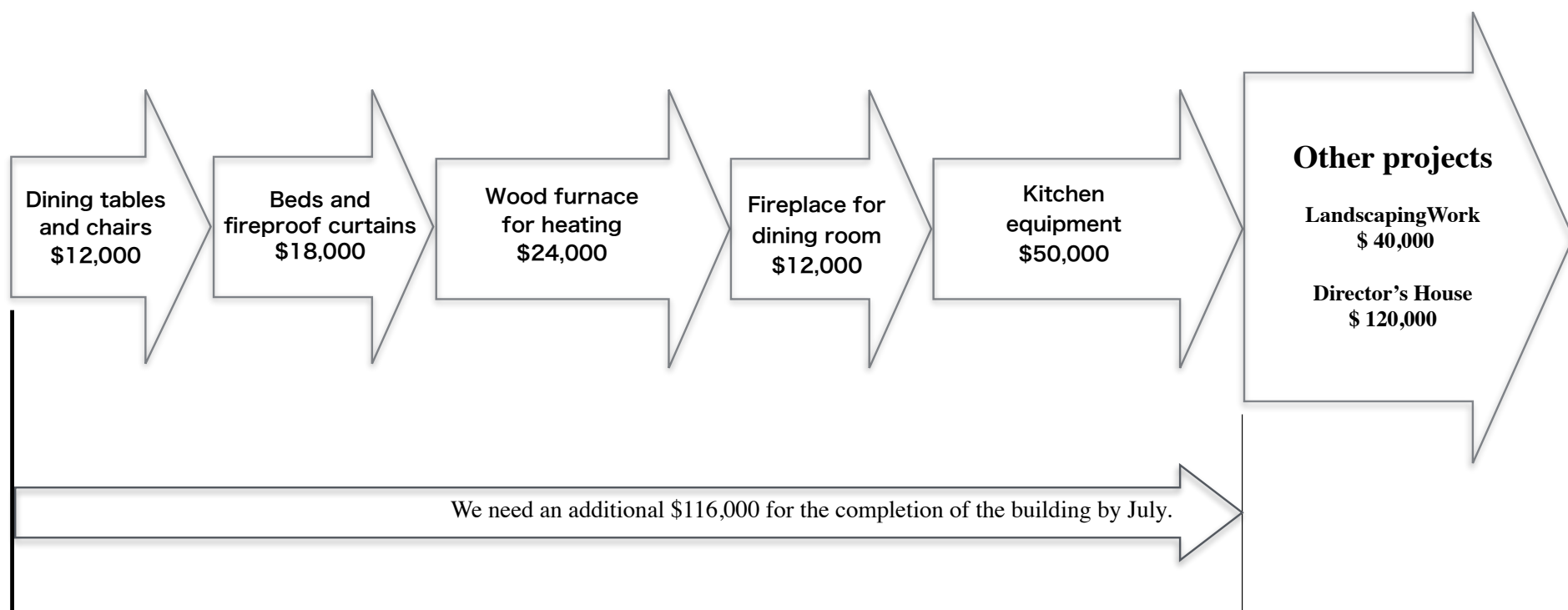
We have begun the building project and need your help.

It costs \$840,000 U.S.D., to construct the new building. In response, Christians in Japan have given 100% of the budget. Last June, we demolished the 46-year-old building. We received permission to build and the construction began in March 2015, with the goal to complete the construction by July, in time for the summer camping season. Japan is considered a wealthy nation in Asia, yet with the nationwide economic slump and the small number of Japanese Christians (representing less than one percent of the population) further financial contributions toward the new camp building from Japanese churches is limited. Even so, people have given sacrificially and have met 100% of the budget for the construction of new building. As a member of God's family living outside of Japan, would you consider partnering with us in furthering God's work and reaching the Japanese people for Christ through effective camp ministry? While the budget for the building has been met, we are in need of funding for furnishings, heating and kitchen equipment and landscaping as explained below. God has led us step by step so far and I am confident that God will speak to the hearts of His people in order to meet our financial needs and all the things that are needed to begin a brand new season, starting this summer.

Sincerely In Christ,

Taka Araki ; Camp Director 荒木貴亨

Yasushi Sato ; New Building Project Director 佐藤靖



Below are the items needed to be able to meet the needs for the upcoming summer camp season and the corresponding budget.

Furniture and Equipment Total budget: \$116,000

- Dining tables and chairs \$ 12,000
- Beds and fireproof curtains \$ 18,000
- Wood furnace for heating large baths \$ 24,000
- Fireplace for dining room \$ 12,000
- Kitchen equipment \$ 50,000

Other projects Total budget: \$160,000

- Landscaping work \$ 40,000
- Paving the road with asphalt and other civil engineering work within the property
- Director's house \$ 120,000

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God has blessed the camp ministry for the past 46 years and we believe that the Lord will continue to do a mighty work through this ministry. To this end, adequate camp facilities are essential.

Would you join us in this important work in Japan? Christians in the post-disaster Northeast of Japan have the urgent need to minister to people and to be ministered to, through the camp's ministry. You can partner with us in building God's churches and His kingdom through your prayer and financial support.

