



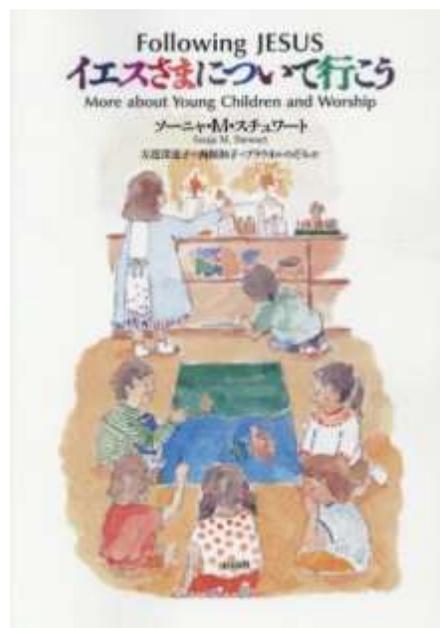
## Update from Nathan and Nozomi Brownell September 2021

Dear Friends,

A warm greeting from Yokohama, Japan. We are always thankful for your prayers and support for the mission in Japan. Although we feel isolated and frustrated, at times, due to what is going on in the world, every time we think of you we are encouraged to know that we are not alone but representing all of you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are so grateful for your prayer cards, birthday cards, and encouragements through emails. They mean so much to us.

We are happy to announce that we have completed the translation of the C&W textbook, **"Following Jesus."** It was published in early August. Many of you may know that Nozomi has been working to help translate and publish the two books in this series for several years. It is a miracle of our Lord that we were able to bring it to publication during this difficult time!

God has given strength by his Holy Spirit to several people for the completion of this project. First, the translators. Three translators worked on this project: *Rev. Mieko Sakon*, *Mrs. Kazuko Nishibori*, and myself, Nozomi Brownell. *Rev. Sakon* and *Mrs. Nishibori* have been the prime movers and shakers of the Children & Worship in Japan for the past 18 years. They had already started the C&W seminar in Tokyo before our family was sent to Japan for mission in 2007. Thanks to them, Nozomi had a very warm welcome when she arrived here. Despite their busy lives as full-time pastor in Tokyo and as pastor's wife in Shizuoka prefecture, their hard work on this project has been noteworthy. *Mrs. Nishibori*, who is also a very talented artist, made beautiful cover artwork for the book.



Second, God strongly inspired the editor of the publishing house, *Mr. Katsuyoshi Nishimura*. From a human point of view, this project might not have been attractive to many publishers, especially during this time when all churches are struggling to even open their doors for worship services. Needless to say, many children's ministries are either canceled or being held online. However, *Mr. Nishimura* shared our vision and took a firm step of faith to pour out his energy into the project. Without his professional guidance and very kind support, the book couldn't have been completed.

Third, there is a circle of Christian educators and pastors who passionately support this project. We believe that there are seasons for everything. During this age of uncertainty and anxiety, people are starving for the truth and peace in Christ more than ever, especially young souls. Our supporters believe that it is time to equip

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ourselves for the upcoming harvest of souls. Along with us, they believe that this book will play a role in the harvest and bear fruit.

Lastly, we **must not** forget to mention that this publishing project was made possible by the precious financial support from the Reformed Church in America (RCA). The Children and Worship fund helped us tremendously. Thank you so much for giving to this ministry. We praise God that this book was the fruit of the partnership of Christians in Japan and the U.S. It will be shared by even more people and will produce more spiritual fruit in the coming years. It will be my joy to share periodic updates with you.

**Please continue to pray for...**

1. This translation of "Following Jesus" and for our earlier translation of the other textbook in this series "Young Children and Worship." Pray that these will be fully utilized in Japan to reach many young children.
2. A woodworking shop to help produce the wooden figures. In the meantime, we are planning to make a woodworking shop to provide a stable supply of the materials for the C&W program. Please pray that we will be able to make a good space, gather the necessary tools, and gain the skills to meet the need.
3. Wisdom to provide good training sessions. Although there are people who want to join the training, the activities of many people are still restricted and limited under the influence of the COVID-19.

We are praying for the church in the U.S. as well. May the work of the Holy Spirit cover all of us making us faithful servants of the Lord wherever we are. Blessing to all of you.

Hope in God,  
Nozomi Brownell