

PRAISE:

TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING AND PRESENT YOU BEFORE HIS GLORIOUS PRESENCE WITHOUT FAULT AND WITH GREAT JOY—TO THE ONLY GOD OUR SAVIOR... JUDE 24, 25A



(ABOVE) MASTERING COACHING (LEFT) MARCIA AND CTC STAFF MEMBER



KOJI TEACHING NINE COACH TRAINEES

ESAKIS IN OSAKA

CTCJ April Coach Training

Training was great. Training was difficult

The camaraderie and sharing were wonderful. Koji produced the 2-day training, kicking off 8 more months of coach training. Roger Bray, Coaching Director CTC Asia Pacific, and Pastor Kanno did one session, each, while Koji did the other six.

In addition, Mastering Coaching was held a day prior to this, where previously trained coaches from 2022 did more role playing.

Preparation for it took months: The translation of materials, subtitles for videos, and Marcia learning the technical set-up. Just weeks before, we each faced something like a spiritual attack. We don't usually talk in these terms, but one pastor from the presbytery told Koji he should be ashamed he's not a local church pastor. Marcia had to break off a 30-year friendship, due to personal attacks. Under this cloud, we went to Kyoto.



KOJI, (LEFT) WITH CTCJAPAN STAFF AND NINE COACH TRAINEES

That wasn't all. Before the last day (and the above group photo), one of the trainees had to leave because his father was on his deathbed. Two others are now unsure whether they have "time" to coach. We understand this Japanese mentality: Looking at one's local church and having trouble seeing the bigger kingdom.

The doxology from Jude (above) comforts us. It is ultimately God's evaluation of us that matters: In Christ that is always "100% First Prize!" God will take care of the rest.

Prayer:

That all nine coach trainees will be able to complete the training into 2025.

For safety, as we attend a CTC Global Coach Directors retreat in June in Brazil. Koji can get advice from other country directors, who are farther along in building their coaching networks.

For our ongoing Bible study, individual church planter coaching, sermon preparation for May and June, and Part B translation.