

# First Half of 2024

Soul Care Ministry  
Summer Report

July 2024, Issue

Thank you for your continued support. Five years have passed since the beginning of the Soul Care Department. I am always grateful that we have been able to continue, and I think it is a God's work.

Our network of individuals and other organizations, as well as the number of attendees, is growing year by year. We are now considering our long-term vision and what we want to achieve. We aim to be a presence that people remember when they need help, and to be able to carry out activities over the long term among Japanese people, with a system that allows multiple people to lead activities.

Ikeda Morse Yumi



## Fruit from the previous year

### Soul Care Booklet Series

Soul Care's first publication, "Looking at Yourself Through the Grace of God," has been published! It can be purchased in Japan and the United States, both in booklet form and as an e-book. The booklet is designed so that it can be used by individuals or groups, following the questions and content. Further details will be announced.



### Start of Support Group Network

After four years of preparation, the "You are Precious Station" finally opened in July. The aim is to bring together support groups from around the world and people who need support. For more information, please visit the website.

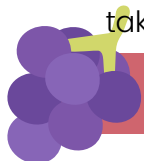
### First in-person retreat in September 2024

We will be holding our long-awaited in-person retreat in Los Angeles in September 2024. We have faced many challenges in terms of funding, and we have almost given up many times, but we are taking on this challenge in the hope that it will become the cornerstone for planning future retreats.

## Goal for late 2024

### Increase communication: Video and audio

Through videos and interactive social networking services, we will raise awareness of Soul Care and provide information and knowledge.



# Soul Care Activity Report

## NAOKO SUZUKI SOUL CARE MINISTRY ASSISTANT

"Hi, I'm Naoko Suzuki, a Soul Care Assistant since 2022! I live in Japan and serve as a missionary at a church. I also work as a caregiver, and recently I've been helping people with visual impairments. It's been a learning experience in how to walk alongside others, helping them have the information and communication they need and when they need it. Recently I've been feeling the importance of communicating clearly."



## ATTENDEE FEEDBACK

When there are difficult things going at church I don't really feel okay processing that with my non-Christian friends, so it was a relief to be able to talk to a Christian and have them understand. I was able to be honest with my feelings, putting aside the question of whether or not it was right or wrong. It gave me some breathing space after being so overwhelmed.

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Student in 2023

I was able to take a fresh look at myself and my relationship with God.



Student 2024

It was good to learn about the techniques, attitude, and the purpose (to support people in growing in their fellowship with God) of listening and walking alongside others. I thought it was very important to ask questions that focus on the other person's feelings and draw out their emotions.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!  
May God's blessings and grace be abundant upon you.

August 2024

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