



## MISSIONS FOCUS

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# Servant Partners: Matt Hayashida, Southern California

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

**Servant Partners (S.CA)** – Matt Hayashida is our newest missionary and has been serving with Servant Partners since August 2022. He is a staff member at Hope Community Church in East Los Angeles with a focus on youth ministry and discipleship. Here is how God has been working in Matt's life. This past year, I have been learning about the breadth of "life" that people experience. All of this gives me a bigger picture of who God is. Jesus experienced all kinds of things from weddings to raising the dead, from casting out demons to preaching on hilltops. These things take on new meanings as I live among the tragedies and celebrations of my neighborhood. I am privileged to hear people's stories and journey with them through the pain. It is a privilege because Jesus is here and He is close to the brokenhearted.

Thank you for being on this journey with me. Your prayers are essential for the work that I've been doing. We are still trying to figure out structures and create spaces for the youth that help them grow as well as provide opportunities for them to invite their friends. I'm realizing more and more how much I need Jesus to grow my compassion for my neighborhood and city. We are planning to change the name of our church to First Love Community Church. Pray that this will invigorate the spiritual life of the church and give a new sense of ownership to our community.

Matt was our speaker on Sunday, February 4. You can watch his message and testimony on BACBC Media YouTube Channel. Here is the link – he begins speaking about 32:00: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V40WpWT74-w&t=1981s>

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