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The English congregation's audio outreach project is now live and public!

This is a great achievement after 6 months of hard work. I would like to express my huge thanks and appreciation for all the people who contributed their time and talents. We took a risk in trying something completely new, and it turned into a big success.

Our prayer now is that God would bless our work and use it to reach people who have never heard the good news about Jesus Christ.

If you haven't had a chance yet to listen, please visit the Tokyo Lutheran Church YouTube channel. You can hear all five characters in both English and Japanese: Barabbas, Martha of Bethany, Cornelius the Roman centurion, "Doubting" Thomas, and Mary Magdalene.

We are already beginning to think about "Season Two" of our audio outreach project. We would love to have feedback from the Japanese congregation:

Did you enjoy these stories?

Did you like hearing them in different voices?

Did you share the stories with your friends and family?

If you did, were you able to have a conversation about the stories?

We'd also like to get more people involved in the next phase of the project.

What people in the Bible would you like to hear from next?

Would you be willing to help with the translation or editing of the translations?

Would you be willing to give your voice to a story?

Could you help with audio and video editing or uploading to the internet?

Do you have other ideas about how to share these stories with people who are not Christian but might be open to our faith?

Probably in "Season 2" we will aim for five to seven more New Testament people talking about their encounter with Jesus.

We've even speculated a little about "Season 3" in which we would include Old Testament people. We could introduce these people as "the ancestors of Jesus."

Which Old Testament people would you most like to hear from?

Which Old Testament stories do you think are most relevant to modern people in Japan?

Thank you again for your support for our audio outreach project. You are warmly welcomed to join us as we continue into the future!