

## Atlantis

For nine years, Red Mountain in East Asia has been one of Eastwood Baptist Church's mission destinations. Annually, EBC teams loved working with the college students by teaching English and developing relationships with administrators, teachers and college students. Due to relocation, we no longer have our local contacts in Red Mountain who performed all of the pre-arrangements and follow-ups from the relationships we cultivated. Therefore, a change in venue was necessary beginning in 2018 and we moved the ministry to a new city we call "Atlantis."

Our team made the transition exceptionally well even though there were very few similarities in the two platforms and locations. The one common denominator of building relationships, though, is where our team performed in an outstanding, professional manner.

The 2018 team worked with business people, kindergarten students and teachers, elementary school students and teachers, and university students. Even though the schedule changed at times, the team rose to the occasion and always met the challenge.

Our first year in this city we focused on opportunities to develop friendships, see opportunities for continued relationship-building regarding ministry and teaching in the future, and to share the Gospel as the Holy Spirit led. Friendships continue to be developed over social media and we look forward to opportunities to present Jesus to a dark world.

In many ways, East Asian people are not much different from those in the USA. We encountered people who struggle with marriage difficulties, depression, alcoholism, addictions, and self image issues. The same God-sized hole that exists in the hearts of people in the USA also exists in our new friends in East Asia. It was a privilege to share the light of Jesus to those who in many cases, have had little or no contact with Him. We praise Him for the opportunity we had to serve!