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The crowd cheered. New souls to the Kingdom of God always means something miraculous, seeing how God had changed hearts and minds of people, regardless of their past mistakes and sins. However, the rising tide meant that the baptism had to be delayed for awhile. That did not stop the disciples from fellowshiping.

When the seas were calmed, finally 50 of our brothers and sisters were now the members of the family of Christ. The crowd again roared upon their exit from the water. Another victory for the church.

One of the baptized, Fati, of Bandung campus ministry, described it as one of the most fantastic part of his life. “I am glad to have this new life, and I’m pretty much excited about what God can do through me,” he stated. “I used to have an old life, but now it is much of the past compared to what God has for me. From now on, I look forward to the Kingdom of God.”

Welcome to the Kingdom, brothers and sisters!

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- **A Record Breaking Service in the Tokyo Church of Christ**
Takeshi Yamazaki, Tokyo Japan and Rob Skinner, Tucson, AZ — Tuesday, 28 June 2016
Nine disciples from across the US flew to Japan on June 7th. The purpose of this “American Ninja” team was to save souls, encourage the Japanese disciples and to build unity in a fractured world. Inspired by the American Ninjas and their willingness to sacrifice and share the Gospel
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August 19-21, 2016

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Mass Baptisms in Ayodya Beach

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Good news keeps coming from all corners of the world. On June 16, 50 people were baptized in Ayodya Beach, at Ayodya Hotel, Nusa Dua, Bali. It was a great start to the Asian Discipleship Summit (ADS). Yes, it is indeed very good news to hear more people committed their lives to Christ.

It was a cloudy afternoon, signaling that the rain was about to fall. Winds were picking up slowly. However, upon descending the Ayodya Beach, an enthusiasm began to arise. Hundreds of newly arrived disciples of Christ worldwide gathered at the beach, eagerly waiting new souls to join the Kingdom of God. Many of them were arrived fresh from buses carrying them from the airport.mass baptism

The crowd gathered upon the small podium upon which the ministers were praying for the soon-to-be disciples. Among them Pastors Harliem Salim and John Louis offered prayers for the new souls. The brothers dressed in white, while sisters donned white. A drone was over watching the crowd to immortalize the moments about to unfold.

Many disciples from all around the world gathered as one, no matter what their nationalities, skin color, or language. Indeed, it is a wonderful sight to see the family of God gathering together in one place, from diverse backgrounds yet united in Christ. When the ministers finished praying, the souls were guided to the waters.

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