

## *James R. Crumley Jr. Archives*

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**Records, c. 1976-2013, of Frankie San (Kyuzo Miyaishi), graduate of the North LTSS and minister to Richland County prisoners in CCI and Broad River Correctional Institution.**

**The records of Frankie San were donated by Tom O'Brien, former president of LTSS business office in October 2017.**

**Records stored at the Crumley Archives. Advanced notice for research required.**

**Creator:** Rev. Frankie San

**Extent:** One Box

**Access Restrictions:** None

**Use Restrictions:** Permission to publish material from the Frankie San Collection must be obtained from the Director of the Crumley Archives, 4201 N. Main St., Columbia, SC 29203.

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### **Frankie San Biographical Sketch:**

Born Kyuzo Miyaishi in Tokyo Japan in 1929, Frankie San is known for his more than 40 years of ministry to prisoners in the Richland County prison system in South Carolina. Frankie had served in the Japanese military and become disillusioned and hopeless following the defeat of Japan in WWII. After a failed suicide attempt, he found hope in a verse from the Bible he had been given by the Gideon's Society. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you..." Jesus had said in John 14:27. This was the hope and purpose Frankie needed.

Soon after committing to a life following Christ, Frankie was invited to attend Columbia Bible College. Struggles with the English language led him to transfer to Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary where he was mentored by then President, Dr. Epling Reinartz. After graduating with a MA degree in Religious Education in 1966, he moved into South Carolina's most notorious prison. The rest of his life was devoted to ministering to the men of the Richland County Prison system.

### **Scope and Content:**

The Crumley Archives currently has a collection of Frankie San's tri-annual prison publication, "Cell 55," including letters from the 1970's through 2013. There are only a few samples from the earlier years, but all years from 2002-2013 have some issues in the collection (though only 2007, 2009, & 2013 have all three annual letters).

**Contents:** 1 Box of “Cell 55” Newsletters

File A- 1976 (Christmas), 1978 (Christmas)

File B- 1982 (Christmas), 1986 (Christmas), 1987 (Christmas)

File C- 1990 (Christmas), 1993 (Christmas)

File D- 2002 (Christmas), 2003 (Christmas), 2004 (Jan & Christmas), 2005 (Summer),  
2006 (Summer—includes life story and timeline.)

File E- 2007 (Winter, Summer, Christmas)

File F- 2008 (Winter), 2009 (January, Summer, Christmas), 2010 (Summer)

File G- 2011 (Summer), 2012 (Summer), 2013 (Winter, Summer, Christmas)