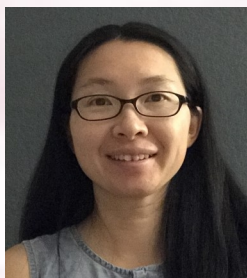




Gary was born in Taiwan and later moved to New Zealand at age 12. During college, God lead him to a short-term mission with Cru, which confirmed his full-time ministry calling. He came to the USA in 2000 for theological education. First, he attend IBC in

Tempe, Arizona, then continue at Talbot (Biola University) for M. Div. After graduating he served as education pastor at MBCP from 2010~2013, then to CBCSD on 2013, serving as resident pastor of Temecula campus until March/2017. God called his family to become missionaries to Japan on May/2016.

Jennifer was born in Lugang, Taiwan. Her family moved to New Zealand when she was 17. At age 18, her friend took her to church was the first time she ever heard the gospel. She was saved at age 19. Ever since, she has been involved in children's ministry. God gave her the gift of making crafts and a heart to reach Japanese children for Christ.



Caleb was born in Arcadia, California. He is 8 years old, he loves to talk and play with Legos. He hopes to collect all the Pokemon in Pokemon Go.

Abigail was born in Murrieta, California. She is 4 years old. She loves to sing to the Elmo Song and "Steams of Praise" everyday.



Pray for Japan

- Japanese is the second largest unreach people group in the world.
- Pray for 99.7% of the unsaved Japanese to come to the Lord
- Pray for church planting in Japan
- Pray for our mission team in Japan
- Pray for God's provision for all financial needs and to open more doors for us to share the spiritual need in Japan.

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The Spiritual need in Japan

Japan is a country of religious freedom; however, unlike other Asian countries, Japan has not experienced great revival like Korea or China. One reason is that Japanese religions (Shintoism and Buddhism) are deeply bonded with Japanese culture. The Japanese view Christianity as a foreign, western religion. Japan is proud of their achievements; they see themselves as the superior race in Asia. Therefore, it is difficult for Japanese people to believe in Jesus. Yet, in recent years, Japan has suffered great economic loss and natural disasters. Since the 9.0 earthquake of 3/11/2011, 83% of teens reported that they don't know why they exist. 64% of adults have some form of depression. The impression most people have of Japan is harmony and social stability, but, in reality, 30,000 people commit suicide each year in Japan. Meanwhile 700,000 to one million men lock themselves in their room for years, which is a form of mental illness called hikikomori (social withdrawal). They are under great pressure. They lost hope for the future. Historically, Japan has only opened up to the gospel for a short period of time. During the 16th century, a Jesuit priest, Francis Xavier, came to Japan and witnessed the dramatic growth of the church: 250 churches opened with 150,000 members. However, in 1639, Japan isolated themselves from the world and mass murdered Catholics. Christianity was forbidden in Japan until the end of WWII. General MacArthur called for missionaries to come rebuild Japan. However, Japan had made too many enemies, and few came. Japan, determined to rebuild themselves, later grew to become the second largest economic power and enjoyed great prosperity. But good times have gone. For the last 20 years, Japan is going downhill. Now is the time to reach this nation for Christ. Dec. 2015, Franklin Graham held an evangelistic meeting in Tokyo. In three days, over 38,000 attended and more than 1400 made a decision for Christ. This is a sign of revival. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." (Matt. 9:37). Would you partner with us, and send us to Japan so we can gather the harvest and disciple them?

Vision for mission

WV has been serving in Japan for more than Sixty years, and has planted 50+ churches with more than 3800 members. There are still many cities and towns that have no evangelical church at all. Our desire is to see more biblical churches planted in this country, so that the gospel of Jesus Christ can be preached and lived out in the community.

We want to see God transform this nation by the gospel of Jesus Christ, and one day Japan can become a major force in global mission work.

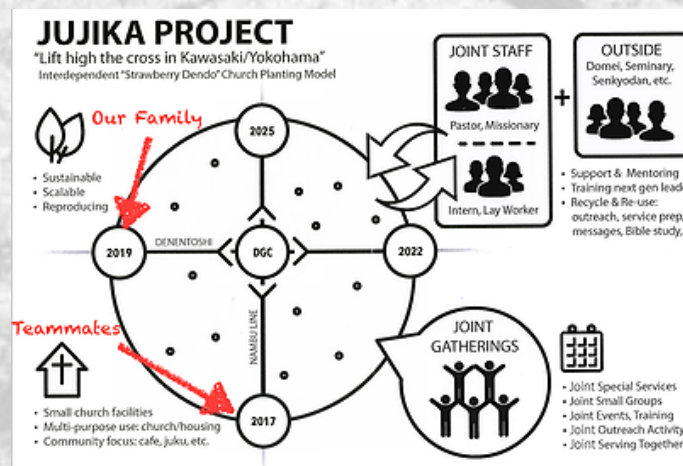
Our Team

We thank the Lord that WV has about 10+ missionaries from the US in Japan. They have three teams. My family will join the church planting team.

Our team leader has been serving in Japan for the past 17~18 years and has planted a church in Kawasaki name Denen Grace Chapel.

The strategy is to start from this church and together, with several missionaries families, plant multiple churches in about 15-20 minute radius. This is the Jujika project. You can find out more by visiting the following web-site.

<http://www.lavermansinJapan.org/workandvision/Vision2020.html>



Vision trip 2011-Kyoto

Our Plan

- To be sent out in Summer of 2018.
- To focus on language, cultural adaptation, and relationship building in the first two years.
- To build relationships with the Japanese, and intern with our church planting leader.
- To work with local Christians, establish a gospel meeting spot and begin a bible study.
- To build relationships through parent and family activities.
- To understand the unique challenge in the area, design suitable community outreach programs.
- To Plant churches in our third and or forth years, making disciples and building up the local church.



Night scene of Yokohama