

Chang4Japan

Making disciples of Jesus in Japan for the growth of the Gospel in Japan



Who do you think is the most unique missionary in OT? My guess is Jonah, why? Because God send him to preach the judgment is coming to the city of Nineveh, unless they repent. They are the enemy of Israel. We all know that Jonah refused to obey, Jonah knew that the Lord is a merciful God, yet he did not want to see God show mercy to his enemy, he did not want these Assyrian be saved. God not only love Israel, He also love these ignorant “enemies”, God shows mercy toward this savage people group. This was just like what Christ taught us in NT, “love your enemy.” This amazing love does not come from man, but from the fountain of grace, our almighty God. If it were not of God to have mercy on us, no nation can be saved. This shows us, no ethnic is higher than any ethnic, and every ethnic group needs the gospel. We are all weak sinner, yet we freely received the salvation of Jesus Christ. Therefore God call us to share this good news to all ethnic. Why is Jonah's story related to our mission to Japan? Because for most Chinese, Japan is the enemy. This was because during WWII Japan has committed unimaginable atrocity toward many Asian countries, particularly China and Korea. This history remain to be the source of hatred and bitterness toward Japanese people. My childhood education also stressed that "China suffered great lost during the 8 years war against Japan." The hatred between Chinese and Japanese has been past-down from generation to generation. However, I believe God has a different desire for Christian. Just like God sending Jonah to preach the message of repentance to his enemy, the city of Nineveh, so as God sending us to love Japan. Because Japan is just like Assyrian, they are ignorant about the one true God. “should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left” (Jonah 4:11, ESV) Japan has 126 million people, with only 0.3% evangelical Christian. It is hard to imaging with such advance technology in Japan, most people still never heard of Jesus, let alone know what He did for them. Some people asked why Japan remain an unreachable people group in the world since WWII? One key reason is the gospel exposure rate is too low. How we increase gospel exposure rate, not only we need to “share the message” we also need to have “gospel community” to display gospel living. This is why Japan is in desperate need for more church and fellowship that is gospel center. Through these spiritual community, one can begin to experience and see the love of Christ. This is the key reason why we felt God called us to go to Japan and live among them, and prepare for cross-culture mission work. This help us reflect on Christ’s incarnation, He came and live among us, so we can truly know and experience God’s love. Only Jesus can gives the meaning of life and direction, and only Jesus can bring healing, transformation, forgiveness, and reconciliation. This is the essence of the gospel. We sincerely invite you to partner with us, pray for us, and support us financially, so we are able to be the representative of the gospel to preach the good news to Japan, may the Lord transform this nation and bring reconciliation between Japanese and Chinese.



Current status:

We have entered the 4th month of mission preparation stage. We are thankful to many brothers and sisters' caring and support. We are often asked the following questions such as 1) When do we leave for Japan? 2) Why do we need to raise fund? 3) How can I supported you? 4) Why go to Japan? 5) What about kid's education? 6) What are you going to do in Japan? 7) Where will you live in Japan and so on.

We wish to answer all your question, but this will take many pages, so we will answer them one at a time. First, we like to share with you why we need to raised supported. The missionary is the messenger of the gospel; we are called by God representing brothers and sisters to go to another place where gospel is not yet flourishing. Just like the famous missionary William Carey, when he prepared to go to India, he asked his friend Andrew Fuller, "I will go down if you will hold the rope!" If there is no support from home, missionaries will not be able to go to the front to fight. Mission Partner development is not begging money, but gives brothers and sisters an opportunity to invest and participate in the great cause of the kingdom expansion. This is a sacred and most honorable duty from the Lord. God wants us to build a "team" so when you supporting us, you are part of the team. This allowed us to reclamation this gospel desert and sowed the seed of the hope in this needy country. What does live by faith mean for missionary? Meaning not just praying at home, waiting for resources to come to the door, although God has done such miracles in special circumstances, but the Lord wants us to be diligent and share the vision and teach people to know what is involve in mission. We asked the Lord to touched people's heart, and open our eyes to see that there are people groups on the other side of the globe never heard of the gospel. God loves them, and He called people to care for them, somebody must be willing to go and share the gospel with them. Live by faith also means, no organization promises us a fixed income. This is different than pastoring a church. Although the church's finances are also derived from people's offering, the church has a system to give the pastor a certain salary. However, mission agency is different than the church. The role of mission agency is to provide management, accountability, and training. Mission agency does not provide salary. All financial need came from every Christian's sacrificial giving. We also need to bring resources to help plant and start churches in Japan. After the church establishes in Japan, we will leave the resource for them, and missionary will not take a salary from local Japanese church. This is why we must raise 100% (or more) fund before we can actually go to Japan. All our resources came from outside of Japan. This answers to the question of when we go to Japan, because the progress of fundraising will be the primary factor in deciding when we can move to Japan. We pray that the Lord will provide all our need in early 2018, and hopefully we can move to Japan before 2018 summer. We sincerely invite you to partner with us. Our mission agency wrote a great article regarding missionary raising support, please check it out here. <https://www.worldventure.com/why-we-raise-support/>

How to become mission partner:

Thank you for caring the Gospel need in Japan, we sincerely invite you to partner with us in prayer and financial support. Based on WV 50 years' mission experience in Japan, they prepared a budget for us which allow us to serve in Japan for long-term. There are two sets of budgets, first is the one-time budget, which covers Japanese language acquisition, office setup, accommodation setup, moving, transport, cross-cultural adaptation training, etc. The second set of budgets is for "on-going" need, which covers accommodation, children education, transportation, insurances and evacuation insurance, retirement, ministry fund, salary, and so on). We must raise 100% or more before we can depart for Japan. We are looking for long-term partners even if you can only give \$30 ~ 50 dollar a month.

There are three ways you can give:

- 1) Online set-up contribution (automatic bank transfer or credit card (credit card companies took 3%))
- 2) Mail Check, please contact me, I will send you the package. (Please do not send personal check to me)
- 3) Call the mission office, the financial co-worker will help you set up a donation account. 1-800-487-4224

Thank you for your love and support, due to tax reasons, a personal check cannot receive tax-exemption receipts. In the future, please do not send personal checks to me, because this cannot directly apply to our mission work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. May the Lord remember your sacrificial giving.

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Praise: We now have a monthly budget of 16%, 13% of one-time budget.

Praise: We have international supporter from NZ and Taiwan.

Request: Ask the Lord to give us more opportunities to share Japan visions.

Request: Ask the Lord to give us good balance between pastoral ministry, family and mission preparation.