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Merry Christmas to all of you. Praise the Lord for His goodness toward this world, that He gave His one and only Son, so we can have hope and salvation through Jesus Christ. Such hope and the good news is not yet widely preach in many places in the world, inducing Japan. This is why we need to continue to pray "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:37)

Have you ever thought about, why God didn't send angels to fulfill the great commission? Since we are not as powerful as angels and we do not know the Lord like angels, yet God called us human to be His ambassador because God wants to show us who He is and transform our lives in this process. Mission is an opportunity that God gave us to transform us. When we begin this journey of pre-filed preparation, there are a lot of uncertainties, worries, and anxiety. Especially the challenge of raising support, also selling off everything and prepare to move to a new country, engage in new culture and language. Another big challenge is children's education and their soon identity crisis, etc. Yet, we know, the best place to live in this world is to live in God's will. God has compelled us and called us to serve Japanese for God's kingdom. We believed that the Lord will open the door of the gospel and He will provide all of our need and send us out in due time. Now we are at the final stage of pre-filed preparation. Would you prayerfully consider partner with us? so we can be sent out next year? It will be our honor to represent you in Japan for the gospel of Jesus Christ, please partner with us in prayer and financial support. We thank you from the bottom of our heart.



One thing I love about Japan is that God has uniquely gifted the Japanese people with talents and abilities to create beautiful things. As you can see, the Japanese can put on a magnificent show during Christmas time. However, how many of them know the true meaning of Christmas? How many of them have true joy, peace and everlasting hope that can only be

found in Jesus Christ? Please take note that Japan has only 0.3% Evangelical Christian among 127 million people. Someone has to go and tell them the good news of Jesus Christ. I once heard a reporter interview a soldier. "Why join the military when you can only see your son twice a year?" The soldier answered, "Somebody has to do it; I want to be that person." We are honored to be called God's soldiers; someone has to do this. We want to be that person, because "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) Would you partner with us and send us to Japan for the sake of the Gospel?

## **Church Planting Vision**

In April, 2017, we took a vision trip to visit our future coworkers and partner church, Denen Grace Chapel. We had wonderful time worshiping the Lord with them. I also had the opportunity to share with their young-adult fellowship. Many of them shared with me how they came to know the Lord, and what a challenge it is to be a Christian in Japan. I enjoyed talking to them so much that I forgot to take any pictures with them. What a pity. Anyhow, we cannot wait to go back and serve with them. This church was planted by my team leader, Kevin Laverman. God gave him a vision of church planting. We are excited to join this team and be part of this great mis-



sion. You can read more on this website: <a href="http://www.lavermansinjapan.org/workandvision/Vision2020.html">http://www.lavermansinjapan.org/workandvision/Vision2020.html</a>.

As a missionary, our goal is to equip the local Christians and partner together to plant more churches. We need your prayer and financial support to make this happen.



This is the church planting Goal of our team. This area is called **Musashi-Kosugi**, 15 mins south of Denen Grace Chapel. This is an area has experienced major growth, yet there is still no evangelical Christian witness in this area. Please pray that the Lord will use our team to plant a new church here in 2018, also send us out soon, so we can be part of this glorious ministry.

- By God's provision and your faithful giving, we have reached
- 75% of our monthly budget, and 90% of our launching (one-time) budget.
- Our goal is to reach <u>100% by March or April of 2018</u>, allowing us 3 months to process visas and various applications.
- Japan remains one of the most expensive mission fields in the world. We pray that the Lord will call many more people and churches to partner with us.
- You can read more about our financial need at <a href="http://www.chang4japan.org/support-the-chang-family.html">http://www.chang4japan.org/support-the-chang-family.html</a>
- During this Christmas season, we want to invite you to prayerfully consider designating your Year-End Giving toward our ministry efforts for Japan. We thank you for your partnership. May the Lord bless you and your family.