

### Street Ministry

What an awesome response! We have received support from many churches and individuals who have not only provided enough support to get a good quality Roland PA system, but have also provided the support needed to keep Eugene in Fukuoka for this time of preparation.



Amazingly, not only were we able to purchase a portable PA system to fit the street ministry kit that is being put together, but also one model up from the one which was being considered. The Patersons were very excited and thankful as this is part of the next stage in successful outreach into the community.

Thank you everyone for your amazing gifts to make this happen!



## Eugene's Preparation Trip すごい Beginnings

Eugene has been able to take a 6.5 week preparation trip to Japan and now just over two weeks into the trip, already so much has happened. So what has happened so far and what is planned?

Eugene has been able to transform one of the downstairs rooms allowing it to be used as a multipurpose room with equipment set up to hold services.

The above group picture was taken during the five minute English challenge. This is an outreach which is designed to meet new people and make connections through using English. The outreach happens in the city of Fukuoka and people are then offered the opportunity to participate in a language exchange – Ignite English.

The ignite English class happens on a Sunday afternoon and 15 minutes after the conclusion of Ignite English, in the same multipurpose room, Ignite praise starts. This gives people the opportunity to stay and experience church in a fun environment.

Thanks to the new PA equipment, we will also be able to start Ignite Live, street outreach. Ignite Live brings the energy of a youth service to the streets. This is another great way to connect with new people and show the community what modern church is like.

Meeting new people at local universities is also a fantastic way to meet new people where tens of thousands of students study on each campus.

Eugene has also been able to build relationships with people willing to serve and be an encouragement. The 5 minute English challenge has gone from an exciting but apprehensive concept to an amazing thrill, and something to look forward to. People responded brilliantly and easily get involved, group after group.

Many participants showed a strong desire to get involved regularly. In the next week or two we should see many new people start coming along to Ignite English for the first time.

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## Being a friend in time of need

The homeless in Fukuoka rely on people helping them to continue to live in the local parks. Typically every month or two the police ask them to leave to fulfil their obligations. The following day the homeless return and set up their tarpaulins again.

We are fortunate enough to have a relationship with both Costco and the local homeless. This week I was able to have an opportunity to provide basic food to the homeless. We are looking forward to seeing this outreach develop and to more people getting involved.

Please pray that we can connect and engage with people in this situation in a greater way and build relationships.

It is also important that people see that being a friend in times of need has real meaning, and requires us to all open our hearts more and to see things and people as God does.

Greater involvement from people inside the church can reconcile relationships the homeless have with both the community and with God. We know that there are often personal issues which people also need help with. Please pray.

# Four ways individuals, churches and business can help.

Everyone can easily participate in the Gebert's journey by giving support in one of the four areas needed.



### PRAYER

The Gebert's need your prayers as they step out in faith; with the vision of Japan as a nation that loves God. God sees Japan as it will be; a Christian nation.

There will be regular updates on how you can pray specifically for them and the situations they work with in Fukuoka and Japan. Pg 4 has their prayer needs.

We all need to keep God the central focus in all we do.



### FINANCE & GIVING

Financial giving is so important and key to being able to do what needs to be done. One off donations are great, and regular monthly commitments essential.

Everyone can be a key part in God's work by simply making a commitment to support the Gebert's so that people who have never heard the good news have a chance to accept God's life changing love.

ALL IT TAKES IS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO DECIDE TO NEVER TIRE OF DOING GOOD, OWN THE VISION & ACT



### SOCIAL MEDIA

The Gebert's need the word to go out around Australia about what God has called them to do. They need everyone who has a heart to see Japan changed by the good news, to share with their friends how they too can become involved.

This can be done through Facebook by going to <https://www.facebook.com/japan directions>, and liking and sharing with your friends and talking to them about it. At the moment the Facebook site's purpose is to draw people to the website <http://japandirections.com/>. This is where people can find all the information needed on the work the Gebert's are doing and more.

At the moment there are 51 likes on Facebook, which is a great start. Keep the momentum going and get the word out, directing people to both the Facebook and webpages where all the relevant information and forms can be found as well as commendations.



### SENDING SHORT TERM TEAMS

As part of our vision the Gebert's are interested in hearing from their supporters if they have teams with talent that could be used on field in evangelistic outreach activities.

It is important that teams come with their skills identified and developed and prepared to serve. The Gebert's would love to consider having you along on field. The website will have a login section where teams will be able to have access to all relevant information for them including maps, itineraries, emergency contact information, some basic survival language kits and a place to share photos and experiences.

Again, this is available to those who are already supporting them in every other area and under the direction of the senior pastor and the Geberts.





## HIS - Hakata International School Impact

HIS is making a fantastic impact on the lives of school students. On Sunday, 26 October the school kids led the service. There were two wonderful testimonies given by two students. One published online.

I have had the pleasure of being able to spend time with the kids in class today and build relationships, building on practical native English speaker needs as well as maths and social studies and sports. What a wonderful group of students with ready and open hearts, learning about Jesus. A mother attended church the first time because of the service then came along to the new Ignite English class afterwards.

## This issue's Facts & Figures about Fukuoka

**Q: How many students study at just one of the Universities in Fukuoka?**

**A: There were 19,719 undergraduate placements at Fukuoka Uni. as at 1 May 2013.**

Student Enrollment	
Undergraduate Faculties	
Humanities	2,498
Law	2,779
Economics	2,842
Commerce	2,786
Commerce Evening School	867
Science	1,123
Engineering	2,993
Medicine	1,075
Pharmaceutical Sciences	1,497
Sports and Health Science	1,259
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,719</b>

Today I met about 20 music students at Fukuoka university. Instantly we all got along really well and

we will meet them again on Monday to watch them perform.

They seem very interested in the chance to use English and come and learn English for free.

Please pray that our friendship with these guys continues to grow and that we get more opportunities to spend time with them. They are really friendly and open to us. I believe that God will do an amazing thing in their lives.

What a God thing and what an opportunity.

### Suicide

Desperate for hope

It is common knowledge that suicide is a big issue for Japan but the facts shock. Over a three year period the MCG could be filled! 30,000+ people p/a or one every 15 minutes dies. Close to half of these suicides are committed by teens. Young people are desperate but God can move and help those who are without hope! Please pray as depression and hopelessness is a major issue in Japanese society.



## After School School: Juku

Unlike Australia, schooling does not finish when the bell sounds in the mid afternoon in Japan. Kids will often then go to an after school care program or "juku".

This is where students can complete their homework and then be assigned further homework to assist in learning development. These placements are very limited, expensive and parents are very fortunate if they can get a placement and can afford it.

The alternative most are faced with is that kids are left to their own devices.

With more and more households where both parents work and often don't come home until late in the evening, the issue of "what to do with the kids" is growing.

As part of the churches vision to touch the lives of families with a positive impact, we would love to see the development of a new outreach in this area of after school care.

We would love your prayer support as we look into development of an appropriate program. We need to find the right people with the heart and ability to assist us as we put this together next year.

We have seen the impact that the international school has had in non-Christian Japanese families and would love to further this kind of outreach.





## Upcoming Events

### Preliminary trip to Japan

Eugene is doing the 5 minute English challenge outreach and the “Ignite English” program as well as helping start the Ignite Live street outreach and building working relationships with those in the church and assisting with general preparation of hearts, minds and projects for outreach into the community of Fukuoka.

### Pastors and church events

The Gebert’s are spending a lot of time connecting with pastors and meeting them to share the vision of Japan as a Christian nation. This is also extending into booking times with churches to visit them and share the vision as well as getting to know their supporters and the vision that they have for their local missions field.

### South Australia Trip

Eugene will be flying to South Australia to meet up with churches personally. This will happen from 10 December.

If you would like Eugene to include your church and visit you personally, please call Eugene on 0414 35 35 35 to book a time or simply send him an email - [JapanDirections@gmail.com](mailto:JapanDirections@gmail.com)

## Prayer Needs

### Eugene’s Trip

- Safety & Family
- Evangelism
- Sensitivity to the church people and needs
- Identify key local geographical places for various needs

Financial support to reach budget requirements

Greater awareness and support from the right people to partner with the Gebert’s.

### Personal items sell well

That people desperate for God and answers to life issues connect with Gods community of people

- Hakata New Life Church
- Fukuoka University outreach
  - 5 min English challenge
- Street ministry
- Ignite English program
- Development of a mothers support group
- Venue upgrades
  - Sound Equipment
  - Carpet & tiles
- Cell Groups
- Developing new leaders
- Depressed, desperate people get connected to church people and find hope

