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Send Your Team in 2016!



2015 has been a massive year for the Geberts. What a blessing to arrive in Japan as a family with an amazing team of partners supporting us. It is so amazing how quickly time goes by and the successes that have already begun is in large part because of your support. The Gebert's would love to hear from churches now who are considering sending teams for 2016. Please let us know as soon as possible if this is something we can organise with you. Please let us know about dates, team sizes and talents. There are various outreach activities to get involved in. What an opportunity to come and have fun in serving the local Church in Japan. Please email Pastor Eugene on: Japandirections@gmail.com.

Youth Praise Party



On January 11 over 50 people representing different churches in the Kyushu region came together for a Youth Praise Party. The youth praise party was absolutely amazing. It started off with a great time of fellowship over lunch where people could connect and relax before the energetic Youth Praise service.

It is exciting to see new leaders stepping up into new roles with confidence as Japan enters its new season of fruitfulness. What an amazing time of connecting with God and His vision for the future of Japan.



It was a wonderful day and so powerful being together praising God. The Holy Spirit moved and blessed us as we prayed for the youth and church direction around Japan, for health, prosperity, blessing, ministries and breakthrough in people's lives. We also prayed for God's blessing for the youth attending, their direction and future.

It was also a great opportunity for other church leaders to see how we get together to praise and worship God, and be inspired by God.



Good or God? God! God is Good, all the time. All the time, God is good. He is here, He is alive, He is amazing and above all God is Holy and His Spirit is moving now! Worship God extravagantly!



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



The Christmas production took place at the Church on 20 December. It provided a really great way to invite people along to Church at a time of year when Japanese people are most interested and involved in visiting churches.

Around 135 people attended the production, half of whom were visiting and most of those visitors came for the first time. After the production attendees heard the good news and we continue to pray that those seeds that were planted will grow in their hearts.

The Children from New Life Kids were practicing for their roles in the production for a number of weeks. Our own Jessica was one of the angels and she certainly looked the part. Jessica did a fantastic job,



confidently singing away in a manger in both English and Japanese along with the other children.



Church members were also able to bless attendees by providing a pot luck dinner to feed everyone.

All ticket proceeds from the Christmas Production were donated to bless those still affected by the Tohoku disaster, many who are still being forced to live in temporary accommodation.



ACCIM - PROJECT M155

Hakata New Life Church is in need of a computer to be able to handle HD video editing and multimedia capabilities and communications equipment. This will be used exclusively for 'in-house' ministries including administration, evangelism and outreach as well as creating awareness of the needs and how God is moving in Japan.

We would love it if you could visit

<https://acci.nationbuilder.com/m155> and contribute what you can to assist in this area. Praise God that He has provided for all the churches needs and that He will continue to provide.



Alex from Enjoy Church

We must give a big thank you to Alex Lo for coming and Enjoy church for sending Alex to Hakata New Life Church for 3 months. He has done a really amazing job with getting involved and helping

out. He also rolled up His sleeves and restarted the hot dog outreach ministry last week (serving free hot dogs with drinks to people walking past the church). He was able to help the church connect with 26 locals passing by.

Alex has also been able to help out with lots of other things around the church and has a heart to serve. He brings a heart of willingness and maturity to everything he does.



Again a big thank you to Enjoy Church and Alex for coming and serving. We are all really enjoying spending time with you!



What could you do with a short term team or by sending someone?

We would love to hear from you for this year.

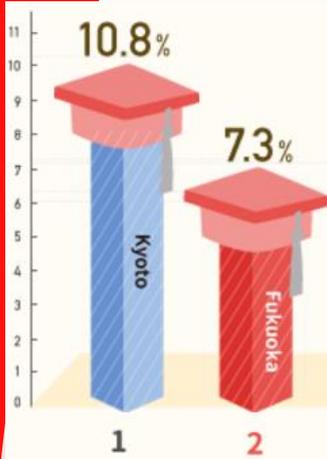


Please email Eugene on: japandirections@gmail.com so we can discuss what is possible.



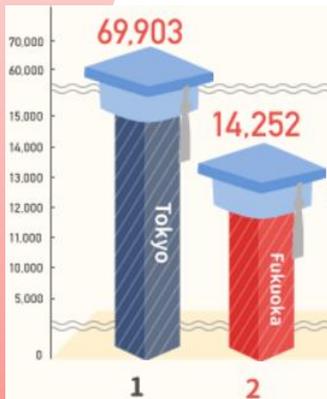
Facts & Figures

Smart Fukuoka



In 2013 Fukuoka was the second city in Japan for the ratio of university students per capita.

Second only to Kyoto.



Fukuoka is also a city known for acceptance of foreigners having the second largest number of foreign students of all Japanese cities, second only to Tokyo.

These two facts show how Fukuoka is both a place for young and smart people, but also that Fukuoka is open to foreigners and the good news that comes with them.

(Large Cities Comparison Chronological table 2013.)

Four Ways to Get Involved

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 Geberts are doing and more.

At the moment there are 154 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 their vision the Gebert's are interested in hearing from their supporters who have teams with talents 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. They will be under the direction of the senior pastor and the Geberts.



Upcoming Events

January

On January 24th a movie day outreach is being held at the Church.

February

In mid-February Ignite English as well as Saturday night outreach will recommence.

Praise and Prayer Points

- We praise God that 60 visitors attended the Christmas Production at Hakata New Life Church.
- A family has regularly been attending the Ignite Praise service and getting involved.
- Praise God more people are catching His vision for the nation of Japan and finding new ways to reach and connect with the Japanese community.
- We thank God that people are stepping up and serving in new roles at the Ignite Praise service. We recently had two people worship lead for the first time and another person is keen to play drums on a regular basis.
- Our 'little' Jessica turned six on the 5th January. She is an amazing girl who recently made a decision for Jesus and loves praying. We are so blessed to have Jessica and Elyssa in our lives.
- Fiona's work permit has come through! so she will be able to work part-time at HIS – the school associated with the church.
- Please pray that the seeds that were planted in people's hearts at the Christmas production will grow.
- A Youth Praise Party with youth from the Kyushu region was held at the Church on 11 January. Pray that those who attended will be drawn into a deeper relationship with God.
- Eugene is now working on a 2016 curriculum for the Ignite English classes. This is a key area of outreach and so please pray that more and more people will be impacted through this ministry in 2016.
- Pray for blessing and good health for the Paterson family (Senior Pastor at Hakata New Life Church and ACCIM Missionaries).
- Jessica is now having a lesson once a week in reading basic Japanese. This will prepare her for the start of school in April. Pray that she picks this up well and that it's not overwhelming.



**PRAY
FOR
JAPAN**