



Church Planting in Japan

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

First off, I want to personally thank you for picking up this letter or even considering reading it (hopefully, you'll make it to the end!). Many of you know by now that I have a passion to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Japanese, and I thank God that He has provided me with an exciting opportunity that I would like to share with you!

WHAT:

I will be part of a church planting team in the city of Kobe, Japan! The church plant will be the third church that is part of a network of churches, called Mustard Seed Christian Church. What I value and appreciate about Mustard Seed is their gospel-centeredness, their passion to make disciples who make disciples, and their vision to plant multiplying

churches. I am truly humbled to be part of such a team!

WHY:

Why Kobe? Kobe has a population of 1.54 million people, the fifth or sixth largest city in Japan. Out of that number, approximately 0.4% are Christian, which means you would be the only Christian for every 6,160 people! Imagine having that many Facebook friends who would potentially perish because they don't have faith in Jesus! But because of the Christians who helped with the relief work after the 1995 Kobe earthquake, there are many who are open to the Gospel!

WHO:

The team consists of myself and two families, the Wests and the Greers, who have already started with the church plant in Japan. Kevin West will be the lead pastor of the church, and Ethan Greer will be the associate pastor. I will be in charge of hospitality and singles

The Team:



ministry (which includes hosting Bible studies and parties, meeting up with people, and organizing trips, to name a few) and assisting with the main gatherings, such as leading worship in Japanese!

WHEN:

My goal is to leave for Japan at the end of September of this year and stay long term. I am praying that God will provide monthly or any supporters so that I can reach my goal of \$2,200 a month. Will you prayerfully consider being one of them?? I am also applying for part-time work where I can improve my language skills while building relationships towards discipleship, so please pray for that as well!

HOW:

I will be going to Japan through the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS). Please

visit their missionary webpage and look for me or go to my donation page at jems.networkforgood.com/projects/10868 for more information!

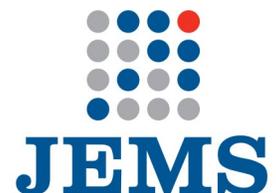
Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon!

Love in Christ,
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Pray that God will provide:

- Funds
- Housing
- Part-time work

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