



Seeds of Grace

Reaching people. Planting churches... in Japan

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From the Editor

Ever considered a short-term mission, or thought about recommending it to someone you know?

Our team welcomes about three church teams, and up to 12 individuals from abroad each year who come from anything from a few days to a year. This month we asked one of them to tell us what it's like!

News and Prayer Points

We give thanks for the 150th anniversary celebrations of the birth of Protestant missions in Japan, on the north island of Hokkaido last month. Those from our team that went were pleased to be able to meet friends from other mission agencies and join in the conference.

Seongjae Yu has just started a new ministry in Rakusai Church, and so moved to an apartment in Kyoto. Pray for good fellowship and chances to share the gospel.

Bee Choo Ong was recently given the joy of witnessing the salvation of a student-seeker at a KGK camp. Praise God for his grace, and do pray for the student as he prepares for baptism.

Martin and Julie Crowhurst, Edi Wilson & Seongjae Yu are in Thailand for a WEC regional conference October 11-25. Pray their time would be blessed. Martin and Julie would appreciate prayer that their two daughters fit back into the school routine after the trip, and pray that Peter Wilson would manage well at home with their three children without Edi!

Two couples arrived as new missionaries from Korea on September 25. Pray for them as they look for and settle into new homes and start language study.



On a short-term mission!

~ I went to Japan because I felt God calling me to use my fascination with the country and the language for His kingdom.

~In Japan I was helping with children's clubs and camps, teaching English and generally getting involved with things and getting to know people.

~ My favourite parts of my time in Japan were the summer camps, and living with a Japanese family. They were so much fun and I loved getting to know people.

~ My worst bits were when I felt homesick and missed my friends and family.

~ My faith changed and developed in Japan as I got to know about and see more of God's amazing love and grace. I became more dependant on God and more enthusiastic to live my life for Him!

~ Now I'm back in Britain I am studying Japanese at university.

~ In the future I would like to use my degree in Japanese to go into translating/interpreting (maybe) but I am not sure what God has in store for me yet.

~ I think short term missions are a great idea. They give you the opportunity to see what full time missionary work is like and you experience God's love in a different culture.

By Jenny Lyon, short-term worker with WEC in Japan in 2009

More prayer points:

Pray for short-term workers like Jenny (see article) to fit in and be spoken to by God during their time in Japan.

Pray for one new family who started attending Kusatsu church this summer.

The Gaubs at Kusatsu Church will host an Ethiopian pastor from October 12 for 3 weeks. Pray that he is able to see different churches in Japan and that he will be a blessing and blessed as well.

Kusatsu Church have a ladies meeting on October 13, and Kaori Church have a Waku Waku Kai (ladies' outreach) on October 27. Pray for those speaking and for fun to be had by all.