



Japan Prayer Fuel

June 2016

One of OMF Japan's Core Values is that we serve in Community – as part of the body of Christ we work with each other, with our Japanese brothers and sisters and with like-minded organizations. We are grateful for the partnerships that we have already and ask the Lord to lead to new ones as well.

Partnerships in Japan

Hokkaido Bible Institute

Michael and Haruhi Widmer from Switzerland and Japan serve at the Hokkaido Bible Institute in Sapporo. In the first term of the academic year teachers and students minister at different churches each Sunday, known as HBI Sundays. Pray that these HBI Sundays will lead to an increased awareness of HBI and deeper partnership with churches. Pray for the 12 full-time students as they try to balance the demands of academic work, community living and church services, as well as the 9 auditing students.

Lifeline / Light of the World

Lifeline TV and *Light of the World* radio programs are weekly broadcasts on the island of Hokkaido reaching out to those who might otherwise never hear the gospel. Lifeline/Light of the World evangelistic outreaches are being held in eight venues throughout Hokkaido from June 14-23rd. Pastor Sekine and Sax musician Mr Motoaki Yasutake are doing a joint programme of an evangelistic message, testimony and music wound together. Pray for Christians to invite friends and for the Holy Spirit's working in the hearts of all who attend.

The Ultimate Victory

The Ultimate Victory (TUV) is the group planning Christian outreach at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. They are also involved in quite a lot of sports ministry in Japan. TUV just about has its home page ready to launch. Pray for more churches and Christians in Japan to be excited about this initiative and want to get involved. Surveys show that over one-half of all Japanese

participate in some kind of sports, either organized or individually. Pray for opportunities to reach people through sports ministry here.

Sendai Student Focus

As they seek to reach out to the many students in Sendai, the team is having a number of meetings with pastors during June. Pray these may open doors for new student ministry partnerships.

Partnerships on the homside

Over the summer many homside churches, Bible colleges and others send teams to help with ministries on the field. Here are some that are in Japan over the next couple of months:

Nagayama (Hokkaido)

Hoi-Yan Shea will host a short term team from Australia to help at Nagayama Church in Asahikawa (Hokkaido). Pray for preparations this month.

Aomori

Nozomi Church in Hirosaki, Aomori Prefecture, is hosting a team Tyndale College in Canada, whilst Itayanagi Church is hosting a team from Heritage College. Pray for the students as they serve in this way. May the Lord be calling them to a long-term involvement in world mission.

Building Teams

The Lord has also given a good partnership with building teams from North America. One team helped reform OMF's holiday cabins in Takayama, north of Sendai. Other teams have been helping work on the building for the church plant Nozomi Church, making a larger room for meeting, and working on the cabins at the Aomori Christian Center (ACC). Thanks to this team ACC is now able to host a Church Bible Camp, Kids' Bible Camp and a Teens camp over the summer months.

New Hope Yokohama

From June 2nd to 15th New Hope Yokohama, where Matthias and Yoko Buerki serve, will host 16 people from Hawaii coming to serve at their church. The vision of the mission team is to build relationships with the people at the church and to encourage them in their walk with Christ. Pray that God would use this team to encourage and strengthen the faith of the people in our church.

Childcare Team

June 20-24th sees OMF Japan's first Field Conference in 3 years. 15 childcare workers from several different countries are coming to provide a programme for the 70 OMF children who will be attending. Pray for a safe, fun time and that the

children will all grow spiritually during this important time together.