



Mission To Japan Update

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Dear friend,

We praise the Lord for allowing us to start and continue the Mission To Japan ministry for over 21 years! **Thank you** for your prayers and support! We couldn't have done it without you!

Since we count you as a friend of our ministry, I want to share with you a hardship that we are currently facing. As you might know, 60~65% of our funding to run Mission To Japan comes from the Japanese students who pay a fee for the homestay program. The other 35~40% comes from the support of churches and individuals. This is in contrast to most missionaries who have to raise 100% of their support. But we can never predict how many Japanese students will join our programs. If we have enough students each year, we do fine. However, sometimes we have big dips in the number of Japanese students who join (we're not sure why). This can cause a financial crisis for the ministry.

Right now we are facing one of those difficult times. In fact by October we will have run out of all funds! You might wonder how we suddenly got in this fix. It's because it only takes about six months for us to go from plenty to crisis since we only have three major income producing homestay programs per year (March, August, and December/January). These times are mainly limited by the Japanese students' breaks from school. At the beginning of the year we were fine. Then for our March program we had a 35% decrease in Japanese students compared to the previous year. This summer we have only 9 students coming in August when we needed about 20 to make ends meet. Now that we know the small number of students joining the August program, we can calculate pretty accurately that we'll run out of funds by October.

This is not something that the Lord cannot handle. He has brought us through similar difficulties in the past. But this situation definitely concerns us.

So we need your prayers that the Lord will provide. Please also pray that we can somehow get students to join a new September program. Since I have such a small group this August, I think I have time to put together a 2 ~ 3 week September program that some students might be able to join. Please pray we'll get several students to join this.

If you are led, please also consider a special one time gift. You can easily and securely contribute a one time gift, or set up a recurring monthly gift at our website (www.MissionToJapan.org under "Donate"). Or you can send a check to Mission To Japan at the address found in the letterhead above.

Financial gifts to Mission To Japan are tax deductible. Mission To Japan has a board of advisors which looks over our financial matters including income, expenses, salaries, etc... They would be happy to answer any questions you might have. See our website for how to email them personally.

Japan is the second largest unreached people group according to the Joshua project and has less than 1% active Christians. The homestay ministry is one of the most fruitful and effective ways of sharing the gospel with Japanese people. Your prayers and gifts will help us continue our passion to reach Japanese students with the gospel. Thank you for your support!

We understand that not all are in a position to contribute financially. But we do appreciate your prayers. Thank you so much!

In His grace,
Warren and Yukari Griffith, Mission To Japan