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Missionaries to Japan

## DARKNESS, DEATH AND DESPAIR

On July 26th in southern Japan, a 15 year old girl brutally murdered and dismembered another 15 year old girl. It is despicable and tragic that this even occurred but sadly it is not the first time that this type of demonic brutality has been seen among young people in Japan. Years ago, previous events of a similar nature led the Japanese education system to institute a "Life is Valuable" class which students all over Japan sit through. The girl who committed the murder in July told the police that she had been wanting to, "see what it is like to kill someone," and she flatly questioned the purpose of the "Life is Valuable" class. While not every person in Japan is ready to commit cold blooded murder, many of them wonder what is the value of life (both their own and others). No matter what programs the government institutes or what the schools teach, the only way to know the value of life is to know the Author of Life.

Please pray with us for the people of Japan that they will see the Light of Christ and receive life and hope. Without the truth of Christ the lies of evolution and humanism will continue to blind and bind the Japanese people. I for one do not want another soul to perish without hearing the good news of the Gospel.

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



If you haven't heard, we have a public Facebook page for our missionary ministry. Please like us and keep up with all that is going on. We will keep everyone informed about our itineration schedule and activities. **Just search "Alex Kathryn Japan" to find us.**

### FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!



Do you use twitter? It's a great way for us to share brief snippets of important information such as prayer requests. Follow us on twitter to hear about the wonderful things that God is doing. **Our Twitter handle is @jesuslovesjapan.**

# SPEND YOURSELF

# UNREACHED, FORGOTTEN...NO LONGER.

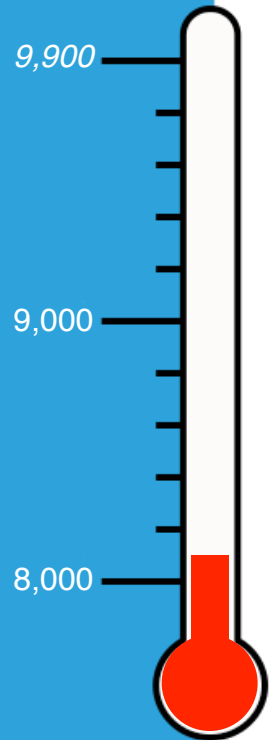
## CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS

- For our transition back to the States especially housing, schooling, travel, etc.
- That Tokyo City Church's youth will be touched by the Lord.
- For Pastors Kazuo and Johanna, as they care for two churches in our absence.
- That we can raise our budget quickly.

## PRAYER WORKS!

We need your prayers. The best way to stay up to date on our current prayer needs is to follow us on Facebook or Twitter and watch for #dropthirty. Anything with this hashtag is an immediate prayer need. The phrase "dropthirty" is short for "Drop and give me thirty!" Maybe you have heard a coach or a drill sergeant say that? Well, we thought that we could borrow this concept and make it mean, "Drop to your knees and give us thirty seconds of prayer." We would be thrilled to have at least thirty seconds of your day to pray for our various needs.

We are striving for **100%**. For this term we need to raise \$9,900 a month.



Pastors Kazuo and Johanna praying for a youth before his baptism.

## THE WORK CONTINUES

Praise God! Even though we are not currently in Japan, the work of the Gospel continues. The Japanese pastors, Kazuo and Johanna, that we serve with in Tokyo are working hard to pastor both the Tokyo site and the Shimizu site.

Just recently our church held its own youth camp and many of our young people's lives were changed. One young man was even baptized at the nearby seaside. The young people are the future of the church in Japan so we are doing our best to include them in our evangelism and discipleship efforts.

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## RELATIONSHIPS ARE KEY

Tent crusades, tract distribution, television evangelism, they have all been tried in Japan but sadly with little success. The one proven way to share the gospel is through sincere relationships. It can often take years, even decades to bring a Japanese friend or relative to the place where they will even talk about accepting Christ.



Pastor Kazuo (right) talking with a Buddhist priest he befriended.

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**ISAIAH 58:10**



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