

Mission Southern TOKYO Japan



WHY JAPAN?

- **One of the least Christian percentages in the world:** out of a population of 130 million (13 million being in Tokyo), only less than 1% are born-again believers of Christ in Japan.
- **Youth suicide crisis:** suicide being the primary cause of death among Japanese teens and young adults; compared against WHO statistics, Japan is the only economically advanced country where suicide is the leading cause of death among those between the ages of 15-34.

WHY WE GO?

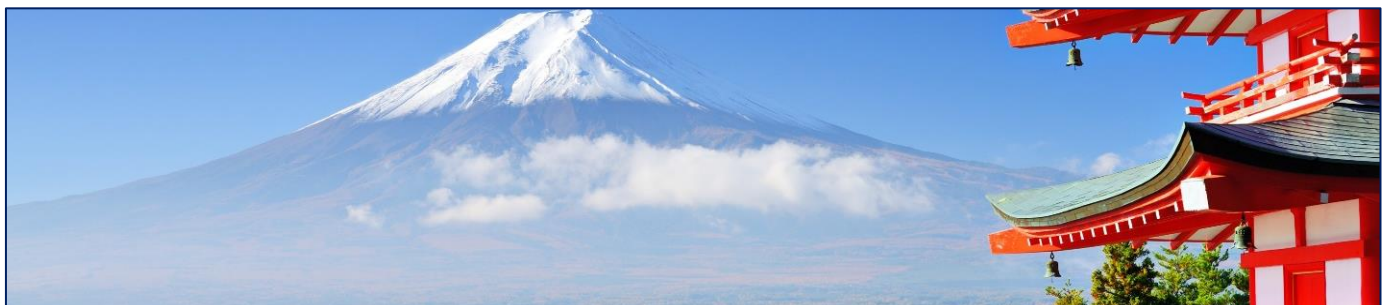
- **Youth missions:** we help, encourage, and support fellow believers in Japan (especially the youth group), to reach out to unsaved lives in Japan.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **Local church support:** we serve for local churches in special Christmas events (including: Kid's Christmas, Special Christmas Eve candlelight service, Church Café, Kid's English Club, and Gospel music outreach), major church cleaning, and a special new year's event (year-end countdown, rice cakes, and new year decorations).
- **High school youth camp:** we participate and serve for Hi-B.A. (High School Born-Againers), special Christmas events and winter outreach youth camp.

2023 WINTER TRIP TO JAPAN

- **December 21 – January 2:** estimated cost: \$2,000 (flight cost, transportation and lodging *all* included: food and other personal expenses *not* included)



Hiratsuka Bible Church (Pastor: Koji Yamaguchi)



- Established 1925-26 through Barclay F. Buxton (Japan Evangelistic Band of Keswick Convention) and Fuchito Tsuge
- United Church of Christ in Japan, Group of Living Waters
- 90 years of faithful walk with Jesus Christ at Hiratsuka City and the Southern Tokyo area
- They need a new church building

Prayer Points:

- Please pray that the church keeps a faithful walk with Jesus Christ
- Please pray for God's guidance and protection for the advisor pastor (former pastor) Kiyoshi Iwai, pastor Koji Yamaguchi, and for all the church elders

Shonan Grace Chapel (Pastor: Kaz Takahashi) <= This is where we will be staying (lodging)



- Established 1987 as a branching mission station of the Hiratsuka Bible Church
- Small, but lively church with the simple Christian faith of "God is love"
- The church believes "God is always with us" and the purpose of the church is to share the message of Jesus Christ at the surrounding area of Shonan, the Southern Beach area of Tokyo

Prayer Points:

- Please pray that the church grows and becomes the shining light of Jesus Christ in the Shonan area
- Please pray for God's guidance and protection for: pastor Kaz Takahashi, his family, and the church elders

H.I.-B.A. High School Born-Againers (Lead Staff: Ryutaro Kawaguchi)



- Established 1950 in the USA and came to Japan about 60 years ago
- Weekly small group youth meetings emphasize living the Christian life and sharing the faith with others
- Local church supported and **Japan's only nationwide high school youth outreach ministry**
- Summer & winter youth camps at Chiba, the Eastern Beach of Tokyo

Prayer Points:

- Please pray that the group grows both in number and in faith with a strong hope in Jesus Christ
- Please pray for God's guidance and protection for the Hi-B.A. staff members and volunteers