



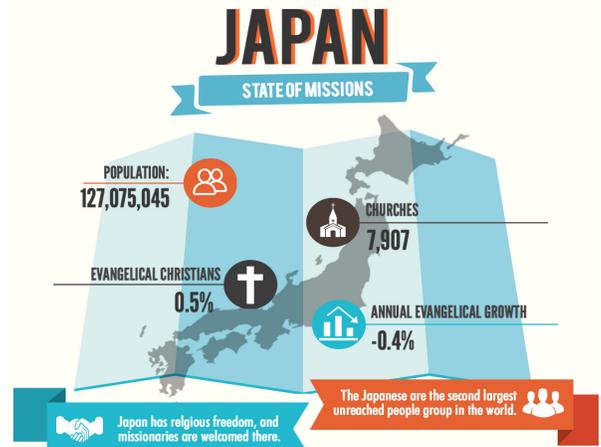
Generations: Japan

Prayer Points

- Appointees: [Jack Claunch](#) and [Alissa Bauer](#)
- [Ken Taylor](#), Field Leader
- [Kevin and Kaori Laverman](#), Career Church Planting
- [Cheryl and Leon Hill](#) (Retiring Missionaries)
- Lou and Kathy Loutrel, mission team members of [Grace Church of Mahomet](#)

[A Decade After Fukushima, Japanese Towns Find It Difficult to Bounce Back, Despite Incentives \(click to read\)](#)

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" - **Romans 10:14-15**



CHALLENGES



A majority of Japanese are Buddhist and Shinto. These religions are a major part of their national identity.

Only 50% of church members attend church regularly. This may be because the Buddhist and Shinto religions have no weekly attendance expectations.



Women make up the majority of church attendees and are often sharing about God with their families, who may not affirm their new found faith.

The Japanese language is one the hardest languages for foreigners to learn and challenges many when sharing their faith with these unreached people.





Other Prayer Points

Appointees are people who are appointed by WorldVenture to go to a country, but are in a season of raising financial partners. Please pray for Jack Claunch and Alissa Bauer in this season. Pray also for Ken Taylor.

Alissa Bauer asks for prayer...

- "Pray for the growth in Christ of my friend who recently came to know Jesus here in Oklahoma; that God would give me wisdom and help me to trust Him as I walk alongside this friend. ([Psalm 16:8](#), [Isaiah 26:3](#))"
- "Pray for God to continue using this season of partner development to stir a passion in my heart and the hearts of others for what he's doing in Japan and the nations! ([Romans 10:14-15](#), [Psalm 96:1-3](#))"

Kevin and Kaori Laverman asks for prayer...

- "Note one sobering fact about Japan: still the second largest unreached people group. Small churches. Elderly pastors. Negative to zero church growth."
- "Also, the continued impact of 311 on the Japanese psyche 10 years later needs to be remembered. One of our CB pastors in Japan is featured in this piece ([click here to read](#))."

Lou and Kathy Loutrel for Grace Church of Mahomet...

1. "Wisdom for elders and pastors to lead well and stand firm in sound doctrine."
2. "God's direction as we seek to fill an opening for a worship pastor."
3. "As we navigate to returning to one in-person service on Sunday mornings with live streaming."
4. "We have started Grace Academy, a mid-week class on various topics from a biblical perspective."
5. "For the Mission Team as we continue to serve God by taking the Gospel to the world."

Cheryl and Leon Hill asks for prayer...

- "For our transition as we slide into retirement while staying in Japan. We are praying about how to change things to allow time for our son Jeffrey to accomplish his writing goals. We will be continuing to minister in our neighborhood and with the intellectually disabled community. Pray we would be faithful servants."
- "[John 10:10](#), 'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' Japanese are looking for the abundant life in educations and material things, but their hearts are not experiencing abundant life. We are here to point them to Jesus, the source of abundant heart life."