

# JAPAN MISSIONS: TYLER TETRAULT 2026 MAY NEWSLETTER



Piano isn't all I can do! Some weeks the music calls for a Cahon!

## What's The Goal?

After living in Japan for 3 months, my Japanese has improved drastically, however I'm still not at the level where I can single-handedly share the Gospel without translation assistance. My goal is by the end of the year is to have no difficulties in communicating the Good news with the people of Japan, no translator needed!

## What's New

But I'm not the only one wanting to learn a language here! There are many Japanese people interested in learning and improving their English. That's why I started to hold an English Conversation Class every Monday evening. It's an opportunity to use my skills as a native English speaker and share the love of Christ through serving the Japanese people. It's also held in our church building which helps the non-Christian attendees lessen their fear and superstition of churches (which many here see as cultish and/or fraudulent).

I also now have an opportunity each month to share a message with the Church, which I am honored to do. Soon there won't be a translator needed for this either!



We are regularly distributing flyers around our church and occasionally perform in a nearby park!

## Outreach! But How?

Outreach is a constant topic of thought and consideration for missionaries in Japan. Many long-term missionaries consider corner-side preaching an ineffective method to reach the Japanese people for Christ. While I understand their view, it's still necessary for the Japanese people to hear the message of Christ. Nowadays most would argue the most effective method for the Japanese people is 1 on 1 long-term personal relationship to personally share the gospel. Since the gospel is still currently quite counter cultural, it takes a lot for many Japanese to make the 'jump', and many end up losing relationships with family and friends for it. As difficult as it may be, Jesus does expects us to make sacrifices, as many of us that endure that battle of faith know, it's worth it in the end.



English conversation class I teach every monday!



First message given at the church!



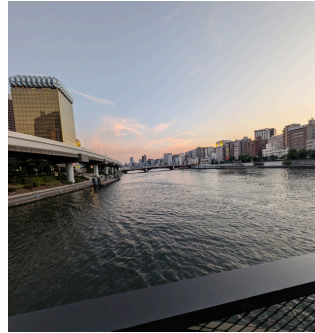
You can't be scared of crowded spaces if you want to serve in Tokyo!



Jesus in Shibuya!



First time at a Tokyo Giant's Baseball game, tickets are less than \$15!



The scenic Sumida river

## What Else?

While much of what I'm learning language wise comes from inside a classroom, the teachers warn us there's many things you can only learn by experience. I think one of those is getting onto a train so tightly packed no one needs to hold on to anything because you couldn't fall over if you tried!

I also have plenty of opportunities to join in with church member outings, such as a baseball game at Tokyo Dome, or a trip to Tokyo's Sky Tree next to the beautiful Sumida River. I also got to meet up with another Rhema Graduate, Jeremy Jenkins, who has been serving here in Tokyo for many years! I had the chance to join him and his team for a 'Prayer Walk' in Shibuya, where the famous Shibuya Crossing that's walked by close to a million people everyday is.

A missionary in Japan can not be impatient with the people here. It often takes time to cultivate any sort of a deep relationship with Japanese people, especially as a foreigner. Which is why a future hope of mine is to be able to effectively train natives to be the front-line fighters for the faith here in Japan.

## How Can You Help?

The number of Japanese Christians in Japan is less than 1%. There is certainly much work to be done here, and that's what I'm here to do. Alongside Word of Life Tokyo, we are reaching out to Japan everyday with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Beyond this, there is still a desperate need for discipleship for new believers and empowering native Japanese Christian leaders here. If advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Japan is something you'd like to see happen, please consider these ways to support the mission:

- Become a prayer partner by praying regularly for Japan
- Become a financial donor at [japanmissions.org/donate](http://japanmissions.org/donate)
- Become a laborer, the harvest is plentiful! See you here!

A special thank you to all of our prayer and financial donors, without you this mission wouldn't be possible!



Above: A small, post church celebration for one of our members who moved across Japan to take new job!

Bottom: Sun shines bright even at 5:30am! And the gym I workout at that early with the pastor!

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