#### **Missions to Japan**

#### Speaker: Ariel Lee



## **Quick Summary**

Two years in Tokyo with Campus Crusade for Christ

One year in Nagoya with Michael Oh and Christ Bible Institute

Four years Evangelism TA/Trainer in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Lead/trained 18 short term teams to Japan



## **Missions Experience**

## **Campus Evangelism**





# **English Clubs**











# **Gospel Choir**



# Café Ministry





## **Missions Experience**

Classroom conversation partnerships Church planting Tsunami relief Seminary planting Pastoral training High school ministry



## **Missions Experience**

Homeless ministry 5 Minute English/Street evangelism Eikaiwa (English Conversation) ministry Board games ministry Returnees ministry Massage ministry Ice cream ministry



#### What do you know about Japan?







- THESE DONUTS ARE GREAT! JELLY-FILLED ARE MY FAVORITE.





#### Japan's National Traits

#### **Uniformity and Conformity**



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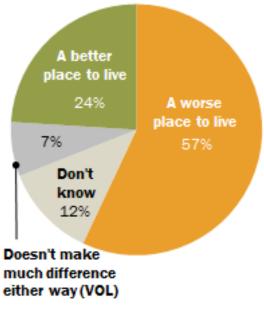
#### **Uniformity and Conformity**



#### Many Japanese feel diversity makes the country a worse place

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Overall, having people of many different backgrounds, such as different ethnic groups, religions and races, makes our country ...



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey. Q43.

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#### Religion (Shinto / Buddhism)





#### **Religion (Cults)**

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#### Explosion of cults in Japan fails to heed deadly

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Justin Norrie, Tokyo November 3, 2007 Page 1 of 2 | Single page

ACCORDING to a lazy view entrenched in the West, 21st-century Japan is a godless wonderland of consumerism and technological fetishes.

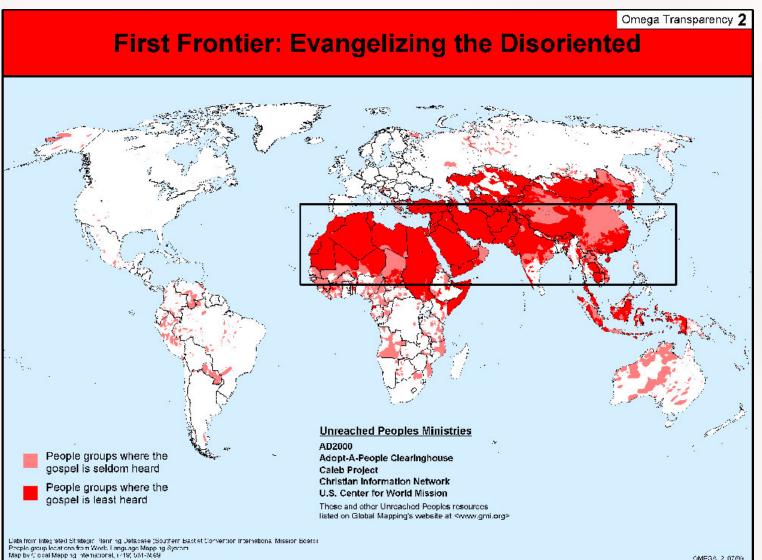
Yoshihide Sakurai, professor of sociology at Hokkaido University, knows how misguided this stereotype is. Not long after he began investigating how a local religious cult, Tenchi Seikyo, was extorting millions of yen from its elderly members, he received a visit from two members, who drove their car through the wall of his Sapporo home.

"I discovered that Japanese people are in fact very serious about god," Professor Sakurai jokes.

The attack occurred two years after the notorious Aum Shinrikyo group murdered 12 people in 1995 by releasing sarin gas on the Tokyo subway, provoking



#### **10/40 Window**





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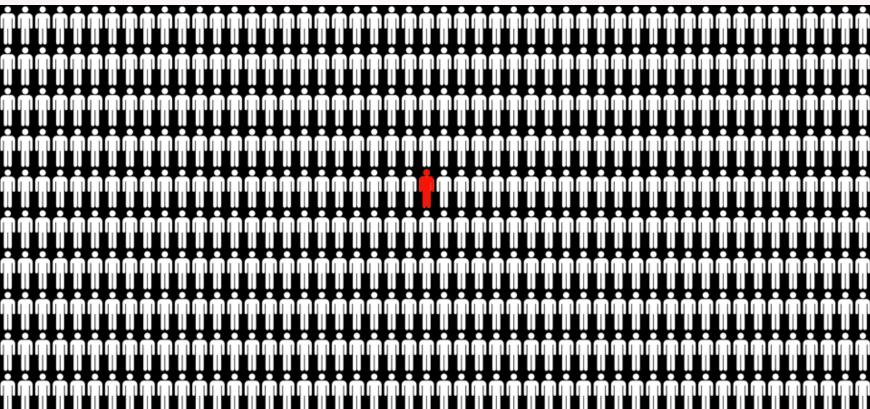
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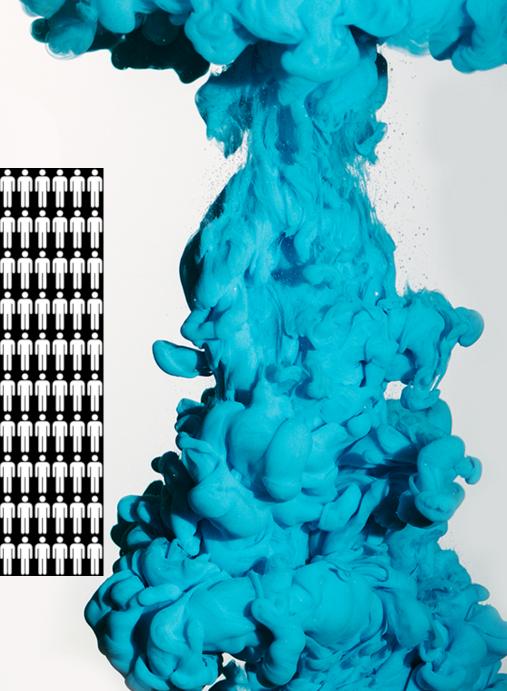




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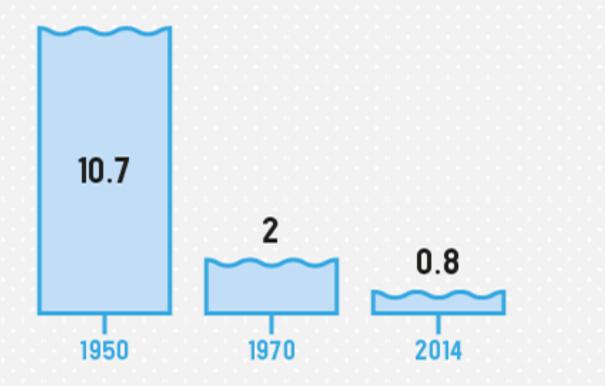


#### 89% of Japan's Pastors are over 50 years old.

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## Average number of **BAPTISMS** per church in Japan



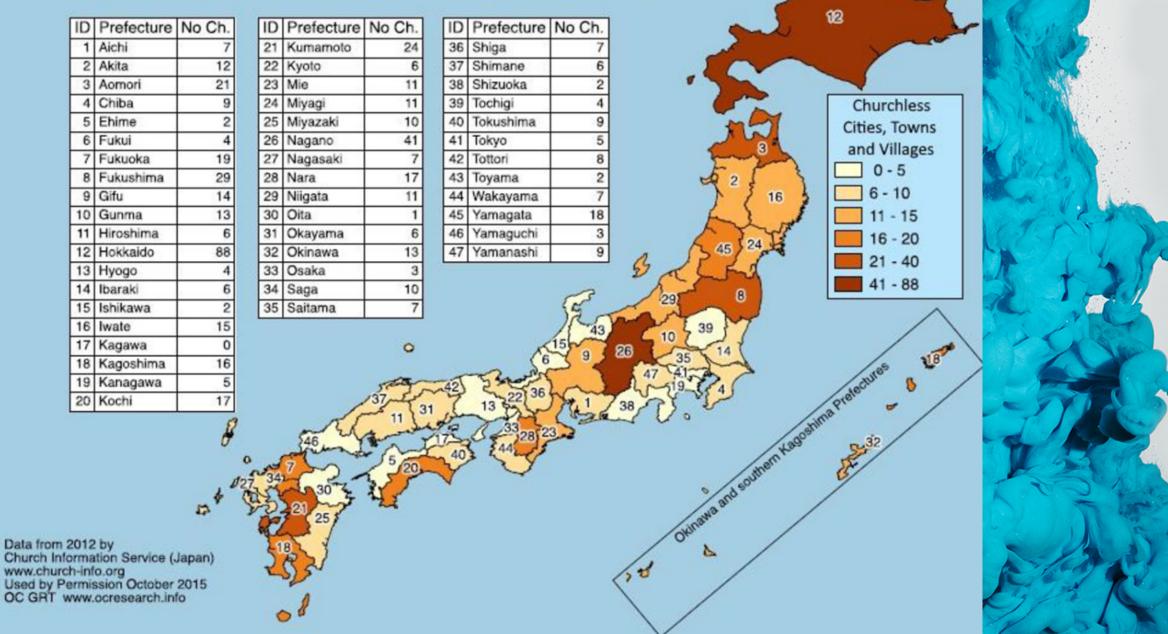


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# Missionaries in Japan down 34% in 20 years

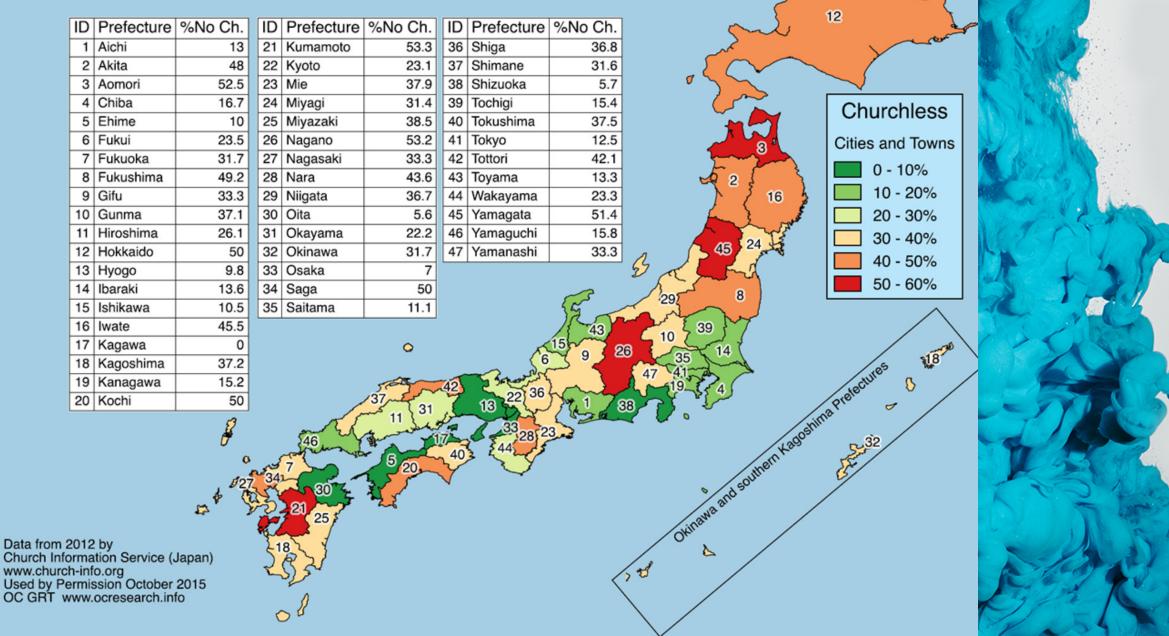
#### The Number of Japan's Cities, Towns and Villages without a Church

This shows the number of cities and towns in each Prefecture which have no churches in them.



#### Percent of Japan's Cities and Towns without Churches

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#### Japan's Brokenness



#### Enjo Kosai (Compensated Dating)



# Enjo Kosai (Compensated Dating)

11% of high school girls admitted participating in enjo kosai

4% of middle school girls admitted participating in enjo kosai





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# Prices of the Global Sex Trade

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Spain	\$26.5 Billion
Japan	\$24 Billion
Germany	\$18 Billion (Legal Industry)
United States	\$14.6 Billion
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India	\$8.4 Billion
Thailand	\$6.4 Billion
Philippines	\$6 Billion
Turkey	\$4 Billion

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### Sexnomics: Japan's 100 Billion Dollar Sex Industry And The Pink Zone

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UPDATED: Japan's semi-legal sex industry exists on a mind-boggling scale, yet there are very few books or articles which even give a rudimentary idea of how big a role it plays in the national economy. Japan has laws which forbid prostitution but set no punishment for the prostitute or the customer. Selling uncensored pornography depicting sexual intercourse is a crime but paying for actual sexual intercourse at an established Soapland establishment is not. It's not that the sex industry exists in a grey zone in Japan, it exists in a pink zone—it's overwhelmingly legal except for when the authorities decided to make token crack-downs.

Takashi Kadokura (門倉貴史), the economist who rose to fame with his white-paper on Japan's underground economy, has written the penultimate guide to Japan's sex industry in his book <u>SEXONOMIC: PROFITS IN THE GLOBALSEX ECONOMY</u>・世界の「下半身」経済が儲かる理由. It

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### 541,000 Japanese aged 15-39 confine themselves to home: survey

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An estimated 541,000 people between the ages of 15 and 39 in Japan avoid social contact and shut themselves in their homes, a government survey showed Wednesday.

The figure compares with the previous Cabinet Office survey in 2010 that showed an estimated 696,000 such people -- known as "hikikomori" -- across the country. Despite the decline, the latest survey does not give an overall picture of the full extent of the phenomenon as it did not include those aged 40 or older.

But the survey does highlight a trend in which people who have withdrawn from society have done so for longer periods, as those who have shut themselves in their homes for at least seven years accounted for about 35 percent of the total.

It also showed that the number of such reclusive people between the ages of 35 and 39 has doubled, according to the survey.

Given that 155,000 fewer people in the age group surveyed are estimated to have become reclusive than in the 2010 survey, a Cabinet Office official said government efforts to address the issue, including the establishment of regional support centers, may have had a measured impact.

The Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry defines hikikomori as people who have stayed at home for

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# Kids and Laughing Teachers Bullied Suicide Teen

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The middle school student, whose name has not been released, jumped from his 14<sup>th</sup> floor apartment in the city of Otsu last October after enduring heartrending tales of abuse at the hands of his classmates.



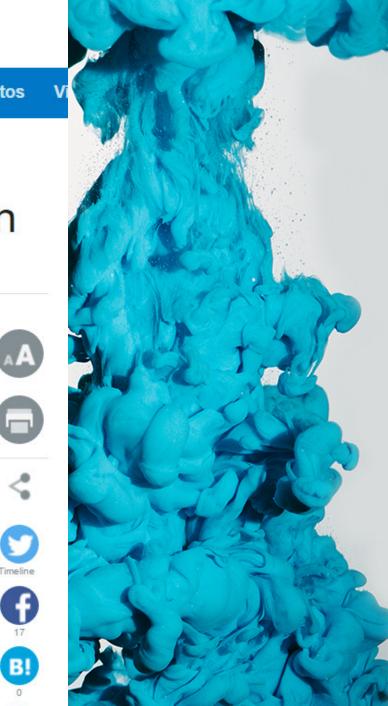
# School bullying cases hit record high in Japan

October 28, 2016 (Mainichi Japan)

TOKYO (Kyodo) -- The number of reported cases of bullying at elementary, junior high and senior high schools rose to a record 224,540 in academic year 2015, up 36,468 cases from the previous year, an education ministry survey showed Thursday.

The figure for elementary schools was up by 28,456 to a record 151,190 in the 12 months through March, while that for junior high schools stood at 59,422, up 6,451, and that for senior high schools at 12,654, up 1,250.

The survey also looked at truancy. The number of elementary school students who stopped attending classes for at least 30 days increased by 1,717 to a record 27,581, while the number of senior high school students who did so dropped by 3,565 to



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### Japan School Children Suicides: After Vacation, Many Young Students Kill Themselves, Study Finds

BY ELIZABETH WHITMAN 😏 🛛 🛛 ON

ON 08/19/15 AT 9:06 AM

A significant number of Japanese children commit suicide as they return to school from summer and spring vacations, a government study has found. The largest number of children, defined as those under the age of 18, killed themselves on Sept. 1, the day that many schools reopen.

The study, carried out by the <u>Cabinet Office</u> and based on government population data, looked at 18,048 child suicides from 1972 to 2013. It found clusters of suicides at the end of August and beginning of September, as well as mid-April dates marking the end of spring break. Officials called for extra attention to be paid to children during these periods.

"During vacations, when it is hard for teachers to observe children, families should pay careful attention to their behavior and look out for changes in their appearance or health," an Education Ministry official said, the Japan Times <u>reported</u>.



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Schoolgirls walk home at Ebisu district in Tokyo on September 4, 2017. Young people are killing themselves in Japan at a high rate.

Tokyo (CNN) — More Japanese children and teenagers killed themselves between 2016 and 2017 than in any year since 1986, according to a new government report.

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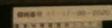
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# **Disappearing People?**

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### NATIONAL / SOCIAL ISSUES

### Japan records fewer than 500,000 births in first half of year

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The number of babies born in Japan in the January to June period dropped 2.7 percent from a year earlier to 496,391, pointing to the possibility of the annual figure slipping below the 1 million mark for the first time on record, government data showed Tuesday.

Although the number of births tends to be higher in the latter half of the year, the figure in the first six months was 13,980 fewer than last year's 510,371, the ministry of health said in a preliminary report.

The number of babies born in June was almost flat but the figure was about 2,000 to 3,000 less compared with a year before in each month between January and May, it said

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- > Academy to honor Hayao Miyazaki
- > Great coffee: It's all in the brewing
- > Martial arts tricks ease pain for new moms
- On this island, depopulation isn't the problem
  inertia is
- > Two more contract dengue; Tokyo park suspected

Japan has had **EIGHT** straight years of population decline.

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projected to decrease by

1/3 by 2050

**1/2** by the end of the century What do you know about missions to Japan?

### What do you know about missions to Japan?

It is the missionary graveyard It is a tough place to share the gospel Japanese people are resistant to the gospel It takes 7 years before a Japanese accepts Christ One must understand the culture before sharing

# **Missions to Japan**

Is it really that hard?





# 1888:

"Explosive church growth" "Japan, as a point for missionary radiation, has <u>no superior</u>." – George Appleton

# 1889:

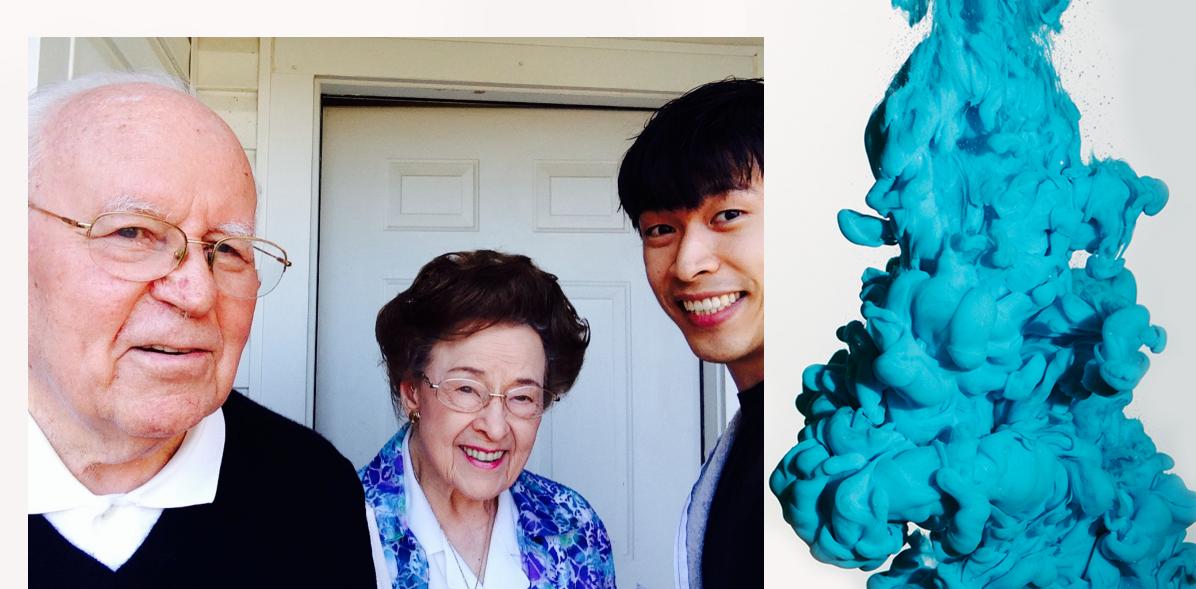
"Probably the <u>most promising</u> missionary field now open to Christ's messengers." – Secretary Tupper



### 1919:

"Personally, I am thoroughly convinced that Japan as a whole is <u>open to the Gospel</u> as never before in its history, and that the Gospel message faithfully preached will receive a hearing and bring rich results."





# 1950:

"There has never been a country more open to the gospel than Japan following World War II." – Dub Jackson 2200 professions of faith in 6 weeks in summer 1950.



This was the era of Japan's growing urbanization, and similar to America, large Christian crusades were becoming more popular. In 1961 World Vision, an American interdenominational evangelistic group, sponsored the Tokyo Christian Crusade. Bob Pierce, the president of World Vision, spoke daily for one month at the Tokyo Municipal Gymnasium. A total of close to 230,000 people attended with about 9,000 making decisions.



In 1967 The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association sponsored the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade at the Japan Budokan and Korakuen Stadium, both in Tokyo. The total attendance reached 200,000 with 15,000 making salvation decisions.



In <u>1964 the Honda Crusade in cooperation</u> with churches of the greater Tokyo area sponsored the Tokyo Evangelistic Crusade at the Bunkyo Public Hall. Approximately 20,000 people attended and 2,000 people made decisions. The attendance was lower than the two other crusades, but it was impressive because it was sponsored by the Japanese church and because of the relatively high percent of decisions.





Koji Honda: In 1952 he received a vision to become a traveling evangelist, and in 1956 the Honda Crusade began. During the 45 years since 1956 he conducted 4,042 evangelistic meetings, preached to 1,502,430 people, and saw 129,724 make decisions for Christ and 6,543 express a desire to go into the ministry.

Dub Jackson 1950-1970, 10,000+ receive Christ Dr. Patterson 1960, 1,000 receive Christ Bill Bright 1970, 1,000 receive Christ



November 2015, Franklin Graham: Nearly 13,000 people came to hear Franklin Graham preach Sunday afternoon in Tokyo. Over 38,000 attended the three-day Celebration overall, with more than 1,400 making decisions for Christ.



# **Crusade Objections**

Crusades aren't normal style of evangelism I can't gather 20,000 people.



# Japan CCC Student Conference Tokyo 2010

300 Spiritual Conversations100 Gospel Presentations12 Prayers to Receive Christ





# Japan CCC Student Conference Tokyo 2012

300 Spiritual Conversations100 Gospel Presentations8 Prayers to Receive Christ





# Japan CCC Student Conference Osaka 2014

29 Prayers to Receive Christ



# Japan CCC Student Conferences

From Japanese, to Japanese, in Japanese, in Japan. One on one conversations.



# **Student Conference Objections**

I'm not Japanese I don't know the culture I don't speak Japanese I'm only there for a short time/short term mission trip









11 Prayers to Receive Christ in 5 weeks



9 Prayers to Receive Christ in 5 weeks



133 Spiritual Conversations44 Gospel Presentations6 Prayers to Receive Christ in 5 weeks



Stats Initiated conversations: 378 Spiritual 188 Gospel presentations: 84 Accepted Jesus: 3 "Thereforce go & make discipled of all nations..." Matt 28:19



#### **Japan Summer Missions 2016**

SWBTS in Nagoya: 4 decisions (2 wk) Singapore CCC in Nagoya: 4 decisions (2 wk) Cru Tokyo: 2 decisions (5 wk) Epic Kyoto: 3 decisions (5 wk)





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Hey! How are you?

I just wanted to thank you for whatever you told the Singapore team that encouraged them to be fearless and go out to share the gospel. They approached 130+ people and had spiritual conversations or shared the KGP with at least half of them. And 4 came to know Christ!! Hallelujah!!



Epic Kyoto: 13 decisions in 5 weeks

819 Initiations264 Spiritual Conversations81 Gospel Presentations13 Decisions to Receive Christ



#### **SWBTS Summer Missions 2018**

SWBTS: 2 weeks

396 Conversations306 Spiritual Conversations155 Gospel Presentations17 Professions of Faith



## Is it only in Japan?

# DAY OF FAITH

INITIATED CONVERSATIONS: 885 SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS: 414 GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS: 104 HOLY SPIRIT PRESENTATIONS: 30 PRAYED AND RECIEVED CHRIST: 7 No Service 🗢

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\*CORRECTION\* #Crossover18 is completed and was amazing! Here are the totals from all 175 @swbts @nobts @MBTS @SEBTS @SBTS students:

Contacts: 19,464 Gospel Conversations: 3,180 Commitments: 340

Thank you for your prayers for all of us this week! God is good! **#SBCAM18** 



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#### **Japan Summer Missions Results**

Short term American, Asian American, and Asian teams all have fruit

Follow up?



### **Other Japan Missions**

Why haven't we heard about this or seen this in other ministries?

Possible reason: Lack of evangelism, lack of faith, lack of expectations



## **State of World Missions**

100,000 Missionaries

90% of foreign missionaries work among already reached people groups. 10% work among unreached people groups.

<u>91%</u> of all Christian outreach/evangelism does not target non-Christians, <u>but targets</u> <u>other Christians.</u>



# **Missions and Evangelism**

The average Western missionary spends only <u>3% of his time</u> involved in direct evangelism.

Only <u>10 to 33 percent</u> of Western missionaries are involved in evangelism and church planting.



## Aren't All Missions the Same?

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I've worked with all of them. Not all mission agencies are the same.

Many missionaries never served outside of their mission agencies.



#### Missions That Aren't Necessarily Evangelism?

English teaching Café ministry Gospel choir Baby English Guest house management Basketball camps Potato farming Church planting/pastoring Youth ministry



# What Is NOT Sharing the Gospel?

Giving a tract Doing Bible study with a friend Inviting someone to church/evangelistic event Church planting Preaching Talking about God Talking about Jesus' love Talking about the gospel



#### What is Sharing the Gospel?

Inviting someone to repent and believe Christ as their Lord and Savior

Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



#### The Crux of the Problem

Most missionaries do not know how to share the gospel; they were never trained themselves. Most missions strategies aren't working in Japan.

Most missionaries do not know how to train their new Japanese believer how to share the gospel

Most missionaries are spending time doing things and thinking it is evangelism



#### What Can You Do?

Pray – For the 127 million Japanese to come to Christ

- Send Support missionaries to Japan and pray for them
- Go Go on a short, mid, or long term mission trip to Japan



#### **Opportunities/Needs**

Missions English teaching Church planting Dance/Gospel Music Sex trafficking Suicide Shut in

Check out the exhibit halls and ask them if they go to Japan and what they do



# Will You Go?

127 million people need you!





#### **Further Contact**

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