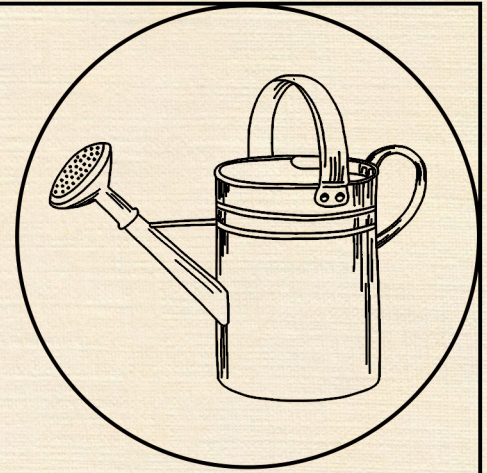


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Summitview Family,

The spiritual landscape of Japan is less than 1% Christian, which makes the Japanese people the second largest unreached people group, though close to being the largest. There is a very high suicide rate in Japan indicative of the spiritual darkness. The Japanese have a “culture” or “group”-based mindset which excludes Christianity prejudicially (i.e., I am Japanese, so I can’t be a Christian). In fact, many of the Japanese actually think that Christianity is originally from America rather than Israel.

I am in Gifu Prefecture in the Tokai Region. To my knowledge, this is the least churching prefecture in Japan. I am working on a team which is broadly focused around seeing spiritual movements in the Tokai Region. We go by the No Place Left model, which appropriately works until there is no place left in Japan that has not heard the Gospel. We regularly use various tools like the Three Circles Diagram and our personal testimonies to engage the Japanese people in the streets with the true Gospel. Additionally, we help local Japanese churches grow in their understanding and practice of the Great Commission, “proclaiming to all creation” (Mark 16:15) and “making disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

While I labor in Japan, I have felt most supported when people read my update emails and respond, even when it’s just a couple word reply. When I visit Summitview, I appreciate the time people take to catch up with me. Besides these, I feel supported when people checked in via email or text, to ask how to pray or see how I’m doing.

Thank you for your support!
- Dusty

