



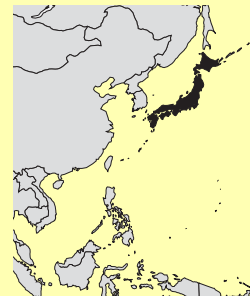
RCA Missionary Update

from the Brownells

Young people in Japan are struggling with spiritual emptiness in spite of their material abundance. Many withdraw and become hopeless, engage in crime, or commit suicide, and the church in Japan is having trouble reaching the next generation. Nathan and Nozomi Brownell will be working in cooperation with the church in Japan to renew youth ministry. They will focus on developing a relational youth ministry through schools in the Yokohama area, and they will practice a ministry of hospitality and develop a network to spread the vision for a revived youth outreach across Japan. Nathan and Nozomi have three sons: Kenneth, Raymond, and Luke.

Japan facts:

- Population: 127,333,000
- Size: 377,835 square miles (slightly smaller than California)
- Major religions: 84 percent Shinto and Buddhist, 16 percent other (0.7 percent Christian)



MINISTRY

Youth Ministry

LOCATION

Yokohama, Japan

PARTNER

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Dear Friends,

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Children & Worship Seminars and Open House

On March 8 and 15 Nozomi presented seminars at Shiloh Church and at a seminary in Tokyo. This is exciting that God is already opening the way to share C&W in Japan. Next, Nozomi, in tandem with a team of Japanese pastors, professors and Sunday school teachers, is planning a major C&W open house at the GreenHouse. They hope to hold the event by early July.



Good News! Release of the Manga Messiah

Recently, I received a copy of the Manga Messiah. Manga is a modern Japanese style illustrated book. Another missionary teacher reports that her students could hardly put it down! The students were so interested. I am overjoyed because this means that God allowed me to participate in this by baptizing Kelly Shinozawa, the illustrator of this contemporary version of the Gospel. The text is excerpted straight from the Bible, but the illustrations are new and exciting. We want to purchase several boxes of the Manga Messiah to distribute at the GreenHouse youth center.



GreenHouse development progress

1. We are glad that as of February 23, this district of churches formally accepted us. This should help us gain wider awareness and support for the youth mission.
2. It is also a good sign that we are being asked to host or lead various Bible studies and join active committees for the wider work of the churches in this area.
3. We are also grateful that the office in Tokyo is formally



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transferring the management of the GreenHouse to us here at Yokohama, which should help us actualize the vision.

4. The GreenHouse team held a Spring-cleaning day and did a great job!

Teaching at the Mission School

School begins again in April in Japan. I am glad for the opportunity to teach English conversation and share in chapel services at the junior and senior high school. It was great to see the Christian faculty make wonderful testimonies urging the graduates toward a life of Christian

faith. I observed one of the Christian teachers signing the student's yearbooks, "I love to tell His Story!" along with a Bible verse. I continue learning firsthand the heartfelt concerns of the young students in Japan.

Ways to Give

If you can help us with funding the GreenHouse youth center programs please contact RCA global mission directly and ask to donate to the "Brownell program fund" or via our website which has a link to the RCA page, <http://web.mac.com/brownelln>

***If you would like to receive our newsletter via email please send your email address and regular mailing address (both are needed in order to create a mailing entry on the RCA database) to us at <youthmission-japan@mac.com>.**

Prayer requests:

- For Nathan's father's health condition and for his mother as caregiver.
- For the Lord's protection of the GreenHouse youth center.

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