Thank you for having such an impact on my life. Since my wife and I started attending in 2020 and joining shortly after, we have grown so much and found the fellowship with believers who have a love for God's Word and serving Him for the purpose of His Glory. You have helped and encouraged me through my Seminary studies and given myself and my family the opportunity to serve in Young adults, CBC Teens and greeting. This spring my family and I have the opportunity to serve on a short-term missions trip to Tokyo Japan.

I and twelve other people will be serving in a college environment much like what we see in CRU here in the United States. The country of Japan is a very vibrant and caring culture but lives in spiritual darkness unlike anything many of us have seen. It is estimated that less that 2% of the country has heard and responded to the gospel. Shockingly, the Japanese people are the second largest unreached people group in the world. Tokyo, the largest city in the entire world, has a population of nearly 12 million people with some 32 million living in the surrounding area. Many in the country do not identify with any religion, but if they do, they primarily claim to be Buddhist or Shinto. These religions focus on a belief in reincarnation and the idea that there are many gods who have little to nothing to do with humanity, or they believe in something called "animism" which attributes supernatural power to inanimate objects and natural phenomena. The Japanese people are desperate for the gospel and the hope that can only come from Jesus Christ.

The primary outreach will be an opportunity to speak with the college students in something called "5 minutes in English." We will get to speak with Japanese students, get to know them and have an opportunity to present the gospel as our reason for being there. Those who are interested will be given information for a good local church that will handle the important work of guiding and teaching them.

In order for us to be able to go and serve the people of Japan, there are two things I would request from you. First, pray if it is God's will that we go, that the Holy Spirit would lead in all decisions, and that the gospel will reach the people of Japan. Second, is the need for financial support. We estimate it will cost from \$5,500 to \$6000 for plane tickets depending on the going price rates. Housing and food are estimated to cost \$900 - \$1,200. We would be grateful for anything you can give.

To contribute to the trip, please make checks payable to Calvary Bible Church and designate that the funds are for the "Japan Missions Trip." To make the donation tax deductible, please do not write the recipients name in the memo line.

Matthew 28:19–20 says "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." God calls us to go and make disciples of ALL nations. I am excited to fulfill this call and proclaim the truth that Christ is Lord to the people of Japan. Thank you for considering to support.

In Christ,

**Brian Creary** 

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