

Australian Presbyterian World Mission

JAPAN

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Partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Japan and 'Mission to the World' in church planting in Tokyo, Japan.



John & Rose Evans and family



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John and Rosemary Evans are preparing to serve with the Presbyterian Church of Japan in church planting in Chiba City, near Tokyo. In Japan, APWM works in partnership with 'Mission to the World' (MTW), the overseas mission arm of the Presbyterian Church of America.

Why Japan? Less than 0.2% of the population of Japan are Christian, making it the largest unreached nation in the developed world. Japan has one of the highest literacy rates in the world, yet 95% of Japanese have never read or heard the gospel.

God willing, they will be commissioned mid-2012 and leave for Japan shortly after. At the time of printing 80% of their Partnership Funding has been pledged.

John and Rose write: "Until now, most church outreach efforts in Japan have hinged on sharing the gospel through English classes. As we communicate with the team in Japan via Skype and email, we would value your prayers for the team that we will (1) be creative in the way that we approach outreach and (2) that missional living and strong indigenous ownership of the vision to win others for Christ will be at the core of our church plant. We would like to explore other ideas for reaching out that are more culturally embedded than English classes."



John with MTW Administrator, Yoji

Chiba prefecture is located to the east of Tokyo. The MTW strategy is to plant churches in areas with new housing estates that are within commuting distance of Tokyo. The churches planted as part of this project are among the few churches in Japan that are actually growing rather than dying. John and Rose have a blog <<http://japanplant.wordpress.com>> and they can be contacted by email at <theevansseven@gmail.com>

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After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9)