

## Partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Japan

APWM serves in partnership with the **Presbyterian Church in Japan**, and 'Mission to the World' (the overseas mission arm of the Presbyterian Church of America).

Japan is the largest unreached nation in the developed world. It has one of the highest literacy rates in the world, yet 95% of Japanese have never heard the gospel. One of the struggles faced by the church is that in a nation of 127 million people, the church is relatively small.

**Adam & Helene Ramsay** (CMS), are part of a team planting a church in Chiba City, which is within commuting distance to the east of Tokyo.



Adam & Helene Ramsay

**Andrew Adams** (Pioneers) is preparing to serve with the Pioneers Japan Launch Team. This is a team undertaking a two-year intensive course in language and culture learning, character and ministry in a Japanese context.



Andrew Adams



Nathan & Tomoko Stewart

**Nathan & Tomoko Stewart** serve with the Osaka Presbyterian Church, assisting the congregation in reaching their friends and neighbours, particularly through the establishment of English conversation clubs.



### JAPAN

Population: 127 million

Capital: Tokyo

Buddhist or Shinto 96%

Christian 1.5%

Evangelical Christian 0.5%

34 people groups, 68% unreached

*Christianity is still regarded as an outside, Western religion rather than a universal faith with the capacity to be truly Japanese. This is despite 500 years of Christian presence in Japan. This also allows for confusion between various Western cultural imports and genuinely Christian expressions of the good news.*

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