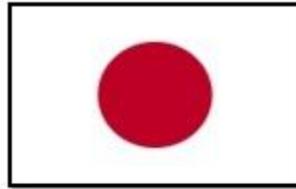


Japan



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Ranked as the most expensive country in which to live, Japan has grown over the last decades to be one of the chief economic powerhouses in the world. Known as “The Land of the Rising Sun,” from the literal meaning of the kanji characters which make up its name, Japan is comprised of over 3,000 mountainous islands. Japan’s capital city of Tokyo currently ranks as the largest metropolitan area in the world with over 30 million inhabitants living in greater Tokyo.

Though rich economically, Japan is one of the most spiritually bankrupt areas of the world. About 84% of Japan’s population follow the rules of Buddhism or Shintoism, however close to 80% of the total population claim no personal connection to their religious practices at all. More than 67% of the 2,568 towns in Japan that have a population of between 15,000 and 30,000 people do not have a single church in their town, and even in this highly developed nation, there are still rural areas that have never been introduced to the gospel.

The EC Response...

Recognizing the need to reach out to a hurting culture, the Evangelical Congregational Church strives to be the face of Christ in a place where 99% of the population is non-Christian. The E.C. Church of Japan consists of three congregations in the greater Tokyo area whose average morning worship attendance is over 100 people.