

MOTTO OF JAPAN MISSION

The motto of Japan Mission is **Called to Serve**. We have been called to serve the Japanese in various ways, so that some may be saved (1 Corinthians 9:22). The focus of our ministry is two-fold:

1. Our first focus is to use various means to share the Good News and tirelessly sow the seed among the unsaved.

2. Our second focus is to help the small churches of Japan, which are often in need of Christian workers, evangelistic programs, literature, media and educational tools.

Japan needs churches that are spiritually-thriving centers of hope that can meet the needs of those in their communities. Workers and resources, provided by Japan Mission, help to build up and empower churches, so that they can grow as the body of Christ and reach out to the unsaved.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Christmas is a special time of year when Japanese people are especially open to Christianity. Japan Mission workers become very busy, participating in evangelistic meetings, concerts and parties. Workers will be involved in over 100 gatherings, to help churches reach those in their community, who desire to learn more about the meaning of Christmas.

Pray for wisdom and strength, and that the Lord would transform the hearts of many through these evangelistic opportunities.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank each person who faithfully prayed and supported the work of Japan Mission during 2024. You have played an important role in helping us further God's work.

We praise the Lord for the many seeds sown, the transformed hearts and His faithful provision. Thank you for continuing to partner with us as we reach out to the lost!

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MY YOKE IS EASY

Renata Rossouw was born in January 1968 in Pretoria, South Africa. "I was raised in a Christian home and was involved in Sunday School activities at an early age," Renata shared.



Renata Rossouw

"As I grew older, I sang in the church choir and learned about how God had created a perfect world that was tarnished by man's sin and rebellion against God.

Through Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection, He triumphed over sin and death and made it possible for a sinner like me to approach without fear and ask for His forgiveness.

"When I was 18 years old, I confessed my sin and publicly proclaimed my faith in Christ. However, even though I had known much about God, I did not have a personal relationship with Him. As I started to read the Bible, I realized that I was still under the power of sin and needed to move into a vital relationship with the Living Christ.

"On the surface my life seemed fine, but I was suffering emotionally. I became anxious and depressed as I was faced with many of life's decisions.

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"I was taught at an early age not to inconvenience anyone, but rather to be self-sufficient and to suffer in silence. I was raised to suppress negative feelings, such as pain, fear, anger and sadness.

These were some of the reasons why I felt isolated and trapped, and found it difficult to deal with my emotional pain.

"In 1992, when I was 24 years old, I could no longer cope on my own and lost all hope. The darkness inside of me became so unbearable and overwhelming that I attempted to take my own life.

"Without medical intervention I would not have survived, since I had a sudden cardiac arrest.

"Following my days in the ICU, I was admitted to a psychiatric hospital for 3 months. Next to my name on the board in the nurse's office was written in red letters: **High suicide risk.**

"The psychiatrist who treated me and his wife were both Christians and gave me a pocket-sized New Testament from the Gideons. They visited with me regularly and prayed with me.

"Since I had time on my hands, I read from the little book and underlined the passages that spoke to my heart.

I read and reread Matthew 11:28-30: ***Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.***

"This was the invitation that I needed! Never again would I try to cope on my own or be alone. I made a decision that day to seek a more personal and intimate relationship with God through prayer.

"From then on, I have gone to the Lord with all my burdens, and continue to ask Him for help, guidance, comfort and healing.

Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, reading the Bible, listening to Christian messages and prayer — my personal relationship with the true and living God continues to deepen.

I have found in Him a loving Father, a Savior, a true Friend, a Helper and a beloved Husband.

The love of Christ is becoming more real to me each day. It gives my existence meaning, purpose and value. It is the most important relationship that I will ever experience. The best part about it, is that it is an eternal relationship! I will never lose God, and He will never leave me." □

MINISTRY IN JAPAN

Renata Rossouw was working in 2011 as a church secretary in South Africa when she first learned of the need for a secretary and English evangelism teacher at Japan Mission. She applied, was accepted and joined Japan Mission in September 2011.

Renata's work with Japan Mission is quite diverse. She helps us send out e-mails and correspondence, which keeps supporters informed about the prayer requests and outreach of Japan Mission.

As an English Evangelism teacher, Renata teaches English conversation at three churches. Each lesson concludes with a Bible talk where a short message is shared in Japanese.

Friendship evangelism is a vital part of what we do. While grocery shopping, Renata befriended a young mother. She was so curious and interested in Renata that she walked with her to the church and decided to join the English class!

Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well (Ecclesiastes 11:6).

Pray that the seeds that Renta faithfully sows would fall on 'good soil' so that many would come to know Christ. **Pray** that God would give Renata wisdom as she is given various opportunities to share her testimony and befriend the unsaved.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

Japan Mission continues to make Christian literature available throughout Japan and many parts of Asia. Bibles continue to be made available to China, North Korea, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos. **Pray** that the Lord would bless and protect those who transport the Word of God. **Pray** also that He would provide wisdom and the necessary resources to continue this vital work.

Japan Mission continues to publish the ***Fountain of Joy*** leaflet, which is an attractive, full-color, 4-page tract that always contains a testimony of salvation. About 20,000 copies of this tract is distributed monthly among the churches and to many non-Christians. Many additional copies are distributed throughout Japan during the ***Christmas season.*** **Pray** that the Holy Spirit would move hearts as they read the testimonies in these tracts.