

Mission & Outreach

We encourage you this week to pray for **Nihon, Asia**

Geography

Area: 377,801 sq km
A 3,000 km arc of four large islands (Honshu, Hokkaido, Shikoku, Kyushu) and 3,000 small islands in NW Pacific. Mountainous; only 13% can be cultivated.

Population: 126,995,411

Annual Growth: -0.07%

Capital: Tokyo

Urbanites: 66.8%

Peoples: 34 (68% unreached)

Official language: Japan

Languages: 16



Largest Religion: Buddhist

	Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	1,955,729	1.54	-0.2
Evangelicals	596,498	0.5	-0.4
Buddhist	88,376,107	69.59	

Challenge for Prayer

The missions vision of Japanese Christians is noteworthy. There are up to 300 Japanese serving in 34 lands around the world. However, churches generally have little vision for missions and little understanding of the challenges facing cross-cultural missionaries. Mission training programmes for prospective Japanese missionaries are increasing, both in Japanese and in English. The Japanese Overseas Missions Association has a membership of over 20 Japanese agencies.

Mission to Japan – Japan is the largest unevangelized nation that is completely open to missionaries. Yet, due to spiritual, socio-cultural, linguistic and financial difficulties, becoming an effective minister of the gospel is a long, hard process of adaptation.

Please see <http://www.operationworld.org> for more.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 3: 6

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

1 Corinthians 15: 58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Today's Service

Worship: Garrett	Communion: Mike	Translators: Sunny/Rebekah
Greeters: Kelly/Jing/Hong/Susan		Reader: George
SS Little Lambs:	School Holiday	School Holiday
Kids for Christ:		
Bible Explorers:		



Knowing Jesus More and Making Him Known

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 22nd Apr 2018



Worship Service

9 am & 11 am

“Two Things I Learned in Japan”

Preacher: Ps. KO Okudaira

Scripture: 1 Cor 3:6; 15:58

Pre-Service Prayer at 8:30 am in lounge, 10:30am in Pastor Abri's office— all welcome

**Prayer Meeting every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7 pm
8 Apr & 22 Apr**

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WELCOME TO MAIRANGI BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH (MBCC)

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please go to the Welcome Corner after the service. We have a small gift for you & will gladly answer your questions about our church. MBCC is an intentionally multi-cultural church and welcomes and celebrates all languages & cultures. 我们是一个多元文化的教会, 欢迎中国朋友参加. どの国の方も大歓迎します。

If you would like to hear a Chinese or Japanese translation, please ask for a headset
如果您需要听中文翻译可以向服事人员要一个耳机

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Sharing God's love with others

God has called all of us to share His Good News of salvation with those around us. Sometimes we think that it is the responsibility of missionaries and Pastors to tell people about Jesus, but that is one of the biggest mistakes that Christians make. All of us, you included, are called by God to impact the lives of others with Kingdom truth. The message of Jesus is best shared by example, one conversation at a time.

Throughout the centuries the Gospel message has travelled to people groups all around the world because normal people made themselves available for God's service. Are you available? When you go to work every day, are you available for God? Are you open and willing to share God's love if the opportunity presents itself? You are an instrument in God's hands, remember that! He loves you and He wants you to share His love with people around you.

God bless you

Pastor **Abri Brancken**



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Please visit our website www.mairangichurch.org.nz
You'll find our weekly bulletin there; learn more about our Life Groups and ministries; watch our sermons and much more.

NEWS & EVENTS

Church Prayer Meeting – Today, 7.00 pm

Prayer is the best way to connect with God. Come and join us to meet God through our prayer, seeing His vision clearly and obey His commands willingly.

KO & Stella

One of the missionary families supported by us, the Okudairas have been returned from Japan for a period of 6 months on home leave. Stella and KOill visited our church **last Sunday** and again **today** KO will be preaching. They work in a very needy nation and their work is deeply valued.

Kamis Away

Joji & Chihiro Kami, our Japanese ministry coordinator, are visiting Japan from **16 Apr to 15 Jun**. Warren Payne will take care of the Japanese fellowship while they are away.

Branckens Away

Pastor Abri will be away with his family from **13 Apr to 27 Apr** for a break. Anything urgent please contact Pastor David, Wendy or one of the elders.

Crossroad Japanese Youth Group

Starting from **4 Jun**, every **Thu, 6.00 pm**. Welcome Japanese speaking young people and bring your friends. Contact Joji & Chihiro for more details.

School Break

All groups and classes are supposed to have a break for the following two weeks and resume from the first week of May.

PRAYER "and pray for one another"

James 5:16b. Please visit the Prayer Wall. Leave prayers, answers to prayer or testimonies. Remember to pray for these today and throughout the week.

GIVE THANKS FOR

- People who gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus through the message in our services.

PRAY FOR

- People may be awakened and see the Lord's vision through the testimonies from missionaries all over the world.
- **KO & Stella**. who needs our support to their work in Japan, pray for their church while they are in New Zealand, also prayers for them for their future ministry in Japan as they have gone there as missionaries later in life rather than earlier as most do.
- **Robyn McLeod**, who lost her brother last week. May the Lord comfort her and strengthen her during this journey.
- **People who are away** during the school holidays, incl. Pastor Abri's family, Elder David Xu's family, Joji & Chihiro and kids, Maria Zhao, etc.
- All the courses and events will be happened in the church this year, i.e. **Marriage Course, Alpha Course, Pre-baptism Course**, etc., to help people to know the Lord better and deeper, hear the calling from the Lord and serve Him with great joy and blessings.
- **The renovation downstairs (phase 1)** is just about complete. Please continue to pray for this project as well as for the finances of the project.
- **People who are in needs**, visa, job, future, fiancé, health, etc.

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Service Roster for next Sunday 29th Apr 2018, 9 & 11 am

Worship	Musicians	Sound	Communion	Reader	Greeters	Offering Count	Translators	Flower	Tea
David Y	Jeremy	Louis/Michael/George/Ivy	DY	Richard F/Ivy	Joanne/Simon/Maree/Jack	Ivy/Ross	Tommy/Joy Z	Helen	Qing Ding/Yinqiu Wang/Robyn/Shelley