

CROSSING BARRIERS FOR THE GOSPEL

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#tbsundayteaching

JANET AND PETER DALLMAN

Janet and Peter have joined our Sunday morning session to share with us their experiences as missionaries in Japan with OMF.

I have included a selection of their slides entitled “Crossing Barriers for the Gospel” at the end.

Although life in Japan can be very different from life in the UK – Janet and Peter know that the Holy Spirit helps them to share the Gospel with the Japanese people.



CHRISTIANS IN JAPAN



Find out more about Japan on the OMF website

<https://omf.org/asia/japan/>

Listen to a podcast about life in Japan

[Discover: Japan – so much more than anime](#)

- What do you think it must be like growing up as a Christian in Japan?
- How does Japanese culture compare to our own?



PRAY FOR JAPAN



Spend time praying for Japan – from: <https://omf.org/asia/japan/get-involved/pray-for-japan/>

Workers for the harvest field

“Lord, raise up missionaries, pastors, evangelists, lay leaders, witnesses in the workplace”

Recently we have seen a decrease in the number of new workers coming to Japan, but we need to see a significant increase. Pray to the Lord of the harvest for new workers and that the workers we have would have health and strength to do the Lord’s work. We also want to see Japanese Christians becoming pastors/evangelists as well as Christians seeking to be salt and light where they work.

Families

“Lord, may whole families believe in Jesus, from small children to elderly grandparents”

Sometimes only the wife believes – pray for non-believing husbands. Pray for teenagers in the Japanese education system where the pressures are great and it’s easy to drift away from church.

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Equipped for Battle

“Lord, help your people to fight with spiritual armour and shine as lights in the darkness”

The spiritual battle here is very real. We need to recognise that and pray accordingly. Pray for protection for missionaries and Japanese Christians. Pray they would really know and experience he who is in us is greater than he who is in the world.

Evangelism and Discipleship

“Lord, may your people be built up in their faith and have passion to proclaim the gospel”

We long to see believers sharing the gospel. Pray for a holistic witness in a society which has increasing social problems. Christian faith can remain shallow, pray for believers to grow and mature as Christians.

Overcoming
barriers...



For
Jesus

The barrier of place...



The barrier of place...



How far is it from London to Japan? 6000 m/9500 km

What time is it in Japan now? 8 hours ahead

What would you need to go to Japan?

- Money
- Plane ticket
- Visa



The barrier of language...

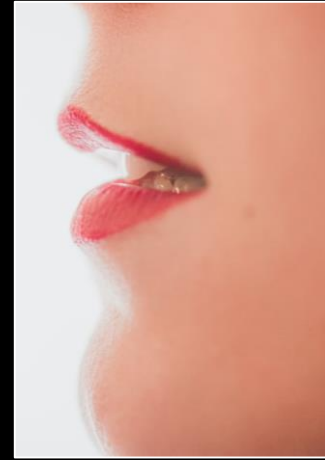


Japanese
Nihongo

にほんご

日本語

The barrier of language...



Say hello in Japanese

こんにちは

Konnichi wa

The barrier of culture...



The barrier of culture...



“You will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8