

HOW TO PRAY FOR EAST ASIA



ADVANCING
NATIVE
MISSIONS

Thank you for praying for East Asia!

As you read through this guide, you'll learn about the diversity of East Asian countries and an unreached people group in one of the world's most technologically advanced places.



East Asia is a region of Asia that includes China, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. Although Russia extends to the eastern edge of Asia, we group it with Europe.

Russia historically influenced the area and continues to do so. However, the most influential countries in East Asia are China, Japan, and South Korea because of their strong economies, dominant cultures, and geopolitical standings.

Despite China's large influence and strong economy, it is also one of the countries with the greatest wealth disparities. Communism is one of the root causes of this regional inequality and injustice, and it also heavily contributes to extreme poverty. Religious persecution, high abortion numbers, and uncertain statistics on unreached people groups stem from Communist government control as well.



Other East Asian countries are open to the Gospel. Native missionaries are seeing great success in Mongolia and Taiwan, especially with church planting. We hope to see this success among the unreached rural Japanese soon.



How can Japan, one of the most technologically advanced countries in the world, be home to unreached people groups? An unreached people group is any people group that has cultural features in common and contains less than 2% of evangelical Christian believers, regardless of their location.

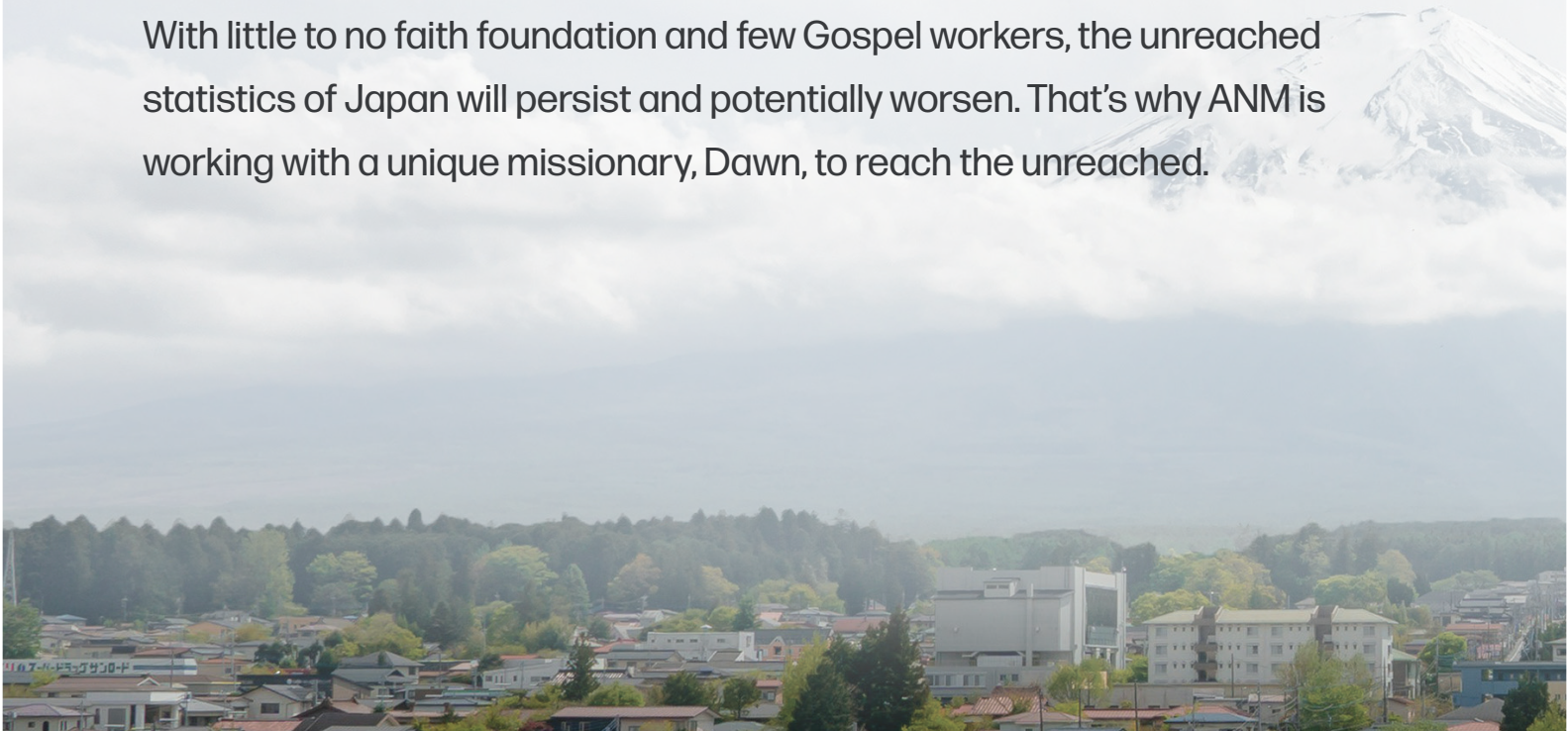


The Japanese people group are unreached. Only 1.2% identify as Christian and 0.3% identify as evangelical. This small group of Christians predominantly live in major cities, so the statistics are even worse in rural areas.

There are roughly 1,700 towns and villages with no churches and no known Christians. The 60 million people living in these places will probably never meet a Christian, hear the Gospel, hold a Bible, or attend church.

Most native Japanese consider religion a private, personal matter, which partially explains the unreached statistics. Predominant religions like Shintoism and Buddhism are also commonly viewed as cultural traditions rather than a personal faith, but they still influence people away from Christianity.

With little to no faith foundation and few Gospel workers, the unreached statistics of Japan will persist and potentially worsen. That's why ANM is working with a unique missionary, Dawn, to reach the unreached.



Dawn is a unique missionary for ANM because she is not native Japanese – she’s an American who’s lived in Japan for the last 20+ years. However, her excellent command of the Japanese language, deep understanding of Japanese culture, and close relationships with local Japanese Christians make her an effective missionary.

She is one of the leaders and trainers of the Rural Church Planting Network of Japan. Their board is entirely native Japanese and her co-leaders are also natives. Together, they’re training other native Christians, and some foreign Japanese speakers, to be evangelists and reach rural areas.

Training native believers to reach their own people is the very heart of ANM, but it is a slow process in Japan. Going into rural communities, starting and discipling small groups, and planting home churches requires believers to commit to ministry full-time.

Committing to rural ministry full-time means that most believers must quit their jobs. With Japan’s high cost of living and work-centric culture, leaving a career for ministry is a big sacrifice. The workers are few, but the harvest is great (Luke 10:2) and the Rural Church Planting Network of Japan is pressing ahead.



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Please join us in praying for this mission partner, as well as other East Asian needs.



1. For protection from government persecution.
2. For Truth to rule within underground churches, as many false teachings spread.
3. For a missionary couple in China and the challenges of raising Christian children in a Communist country.
4. Protection for Bible, food, and medicine deliveries to dangerous areas.
5. For East Asian Christians to be strong, grounded in their faith, and willing to share with others.
6. Favor and wisdom for missionaries, church leaders, and congregations.
7. For freedom from emotional and spiritual trauma that people in persecuted areas often experience.
8. For freedom from traditional religious activity and demon worship.
9. For God to raise up more Japanese and Japanese-speaking missionaries to reach rural communities.
10. For our missionaries in Taiwan as they form relationships with Indonesian people working in the country, who are predominantly Muslim.



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ANM is a global missions organization delivering the Gospel to those who still need to hear the Good News of Jesus in 100+ countries.

We're a little different from the traditional missions organizations you may be familiar with. Instead of sending missionaries to other countries where they have to learn a new language, adapt to new ways of living, and make substantial cultural adjustments, we support missionaries sharing the Gospel in their own countries.

These native missionaries are impacting the kingdom tremendously – ***you can help.***

Learn more at advancingnativemissions.com

Thank you for praying!

