



From the Editor

Who are we? We sometimes get email enquiries asking who WEC Japan's current workers are. This month's article presents you with some of the facts and figures of where current workers are from and how long they have been in Japan. If you are interested in particular people and places, then do email us separately to ask. Thank you for praying!

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News & Prayer Points

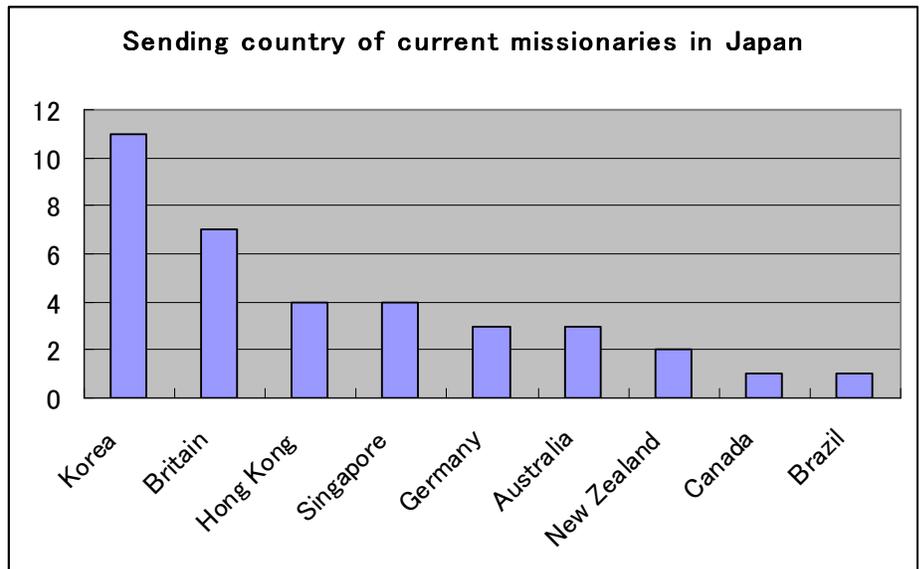
Some 50 students (7 non-believers) attended the KGK university students camp in August. Thank God for the positive experiences that the students had and pray God's word will continue to bear fruit in their lives.

Cat Porter is completing 6 months of music ministry in the tsunami-affected north of Japan. Pray for wisdom for her and others as she considers continuing.

The Wilsons and Jocelyn have just had their farewell party at Kaori church. Pray for Jocelyn as she prepares for her wedding in New Zealand, and for the Wilsons as they seek to confirm their next steps here in Japan.

Moriyama church has just moved to a new building. Pray for God to fill their community of believers and new neighbourhood with his Spirit.

Who Comes to Japan?



Thirty-seven people currently make up the WEC Japan team - that is 8 single people and the remainder married couples. We still currently meet all together about once a month for fellowship, worship and business matters, but with a growing field we will change to meeting in smaller location-based groups as from next year, reserving larger gatherings for about four times a year.

Over half the field team is relatively new to Japan; 21 new workers have arrived in the last 5 years! However we also have a fair amount of experience in our midst, as 11 workers have been here over 15 years, having a combined experience of 267 years in Japan between them! (minus furloughs!)

Of course many others have come and gone and left the mark of Jesus here. In total, 121 people have come to Japan as missionaries with WEC over the years.

Historically the biggest sending countries have been Australia and New Zealand, together providing 38 workers for WEC Japan. However, together with Europe and North America, they have seen a drop in recent years. In contrast, the Asian countries have seen an increase. Recently the biggest sending country has been South Korea. Today, 11 of our workers are Korean. Britain is currently the second biggest sender, with 7 from there including our current field leaders and our Japanese language advisors. Whereas our recent missionaries from Western countries have come in their 20s, our Asian workers have come in their 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s!

In the future we hope to see more from Brazil, a country with a rapidly growing mission force. Our Brazilian worker Carla is visiting Brazil from this month so pray more would be recruited!