

# Japan Mission Trip

## November 13-22, 2026

Dear friends,

Seita Sakaguchi, [our ministry partner in Japan](#), has invited us to participate as helpers at the upcoming [Japan Church Planting Institute bi-annual conference](#) from November 18-20, 2026. The vision of the Institute is to see gospel-empowered churches and disciples multiplying throughout Japan, and the mission is to connect Christian workers through the gospel for church planting and renewal in Japan.

Seita is a Board Member of the Institute and provides leadership for the team organizing the conference. The conference attracts approximately 800 church planters, missionaries, and their families from across Japan, and our role is to provide childcare so the adult attendees can participate in the conference undistracted. Our team, along with approximately 100 others from churches across the U.S. and abroad, will serve from early in the morning through the evening throughout the conference. This year's guest speaker is Sam Allberry, and Seita will lead the times of singing for the conference.

The approximate in-country travel itinerary is:

- November 14: Arrive in Tokyo on Saturday
- November 15: Go to church with Seita and Emma on Sunday
- November 15-16: Leave for the Conference on Sunday or Monday
- November 16-17: Prep for Childcare/Preconference begins on Tuesday
- November 18-20: Provide Childcare Wednesday through Friday
- November 20: Return to Tokyo on Friday
- November 21-22: Depart either Saturday or Sunday after church
- Total trip – with travel – 8-10 days, depending on flights.
- Note: We are partnering with Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, MD, and will travel together with them.

The trip is open to those 14 years and older. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Also, given the nature of the trip and the extent of travel, team members must be in good health, demonstrate maturity in their faith, and be willing to joyfully serve and follow directions

The cost per person is TBD. We are currently looking at creative ways to significantly lower the price for each person.

If you are interested in going, we are having brief interest meetings on the following days:

- Sunday, February 1 at 9:45 am in Room 102
- Sunday, February 8 at 12:30 pm in Room 202

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, [please contact Jackson Huang](#) to discuss your interest.

Serving behind the scenes at the conference is a tremendous blessing to the attendees, and we hope you will prayerfully consider joining us on the trip.

Grace to you,

Vince