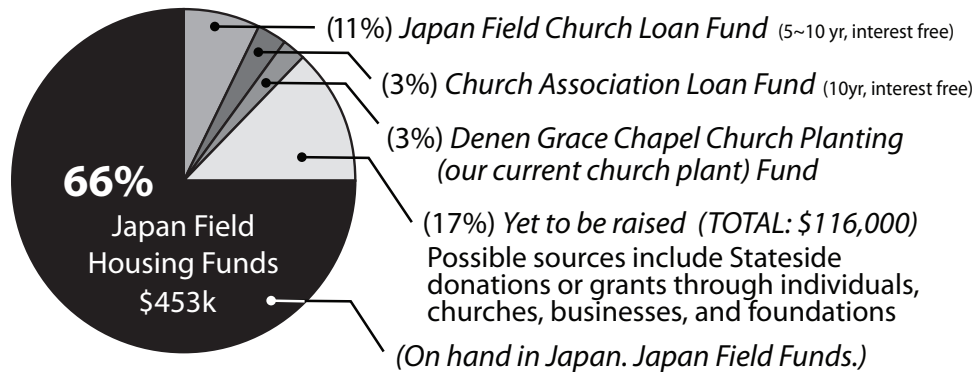


November 15, 2018 Funding Update

For latest update & more info see: www.lavermansinjapan.org/MuKo

The house/church land & building in MuKo will cost \$685k. Some of these funds are currently on hand in Japan (see below). Here is our funding plan and need:



November Progress Report:

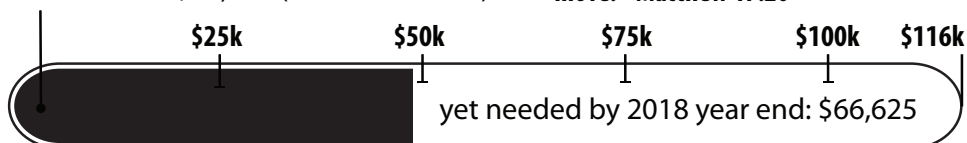
Following mission field consensus, we have now made full payment on a small lot in Muko using Japan Field Housing Funds (see pie chart above). We now have a strategic bit of open space to build for great mission impact. The land area size is 650 square feet. It's just 9 minutes on foot (8 if you get both green lights) from Musashi Kosugi (Muko) train station. It's a block off of a main road connecting everything north and south. It's right on the edge of all the new development, residential towers, and population growth in the neighborhood. We are now meeting with the architect.

Now we will need to secure remaining funding (see below meter graph) through Stateside donations. The real estate office and builder (both very reputable experienced) are able to offer a land and building package that will lower our building costs. But we must enter a contract with the builder by late December to do so. Full funding will empower us to respond to this opportunity for reduced cost, and know the design parameters that we can plan for the church/house. MORE IMPORTANTLY, it will be the start of many changed lives in MUKO. Thanks for your partnership!

Current Funding Need:

Total Need: \$116,000 (by year end 2018)

Total Raised: \$49,375 (as of 11/15/2018)



"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move." Matthew 17:20

Can you help us network? Know someone with a heart for Japan who might also be willing to invest in this project? Know of a grant we might apply for? (email: lavermansinjapan@mac.com)

Q&A: (Feel free to email us with other specific questions on this project)

Q. \$116,000 That's a lot to raise! Why is the cost of the project so high?

A. This is the sobering reality of land prices in metro Tokyo. We need to be within a 10-minute walk of the MuKo train stations to create reasonable access for people. Our budget will build a structure with first floor footprint of only 500 square feet (land size 650 square feet). But we can build up to 3 floors. We have proceeded thoroughly and prayerfully in this plan for Muko, researching all our options and come to this project start. Yes, it's a lot of money, but it's less than 1 dollar for each person without Christ in Muko. Certainly they're worth infinitely more!

Q. Why the location of Musashi Kosugi (MuKo) for this house/church?

A. MuKo is located in proximity (20 minutes) with Denen Grace and other future church plant locations. So it aligns well with our strategy for Greater Tokyo (see www.TheCrossProject.jp). It is growing very rapidly with young families, a good future, and very good access to the entire metro Tokyo area. (Search "Musashi Kosugi" on www.googlemaps.com to take a tour.) Notable points include: Kawasaki International Center, Bremen Street District, Todoroki Park, and Tama River. Also, did we mention no evangelical church is reaching the 120K people in MuKo?

Q. Why combine your housing & ministry space like this? Why not rent?

A. Religious groups are under increasing scrutiny and find it difficult to rent/lease any space, or given strict limits (i.e., no music!) One-time hall rental is unpredictable, exhausting, and creates a perception among modern Japanese of an unstable, transient entity.

So it makes sense to begin a church from a fixed, stable place we own outright. But land is very expensive and space is limited. Constructing dedicated ministry space within our future housing makes it possible to overcome this hurdle of finances and space.

Q. Are there any other costs for this house/church purchase?

A. We won't need much landscaping. It's Tokyo! But we will need to pay a property acquisition tax, registration tax, and annual property tax. There is also the real estate office commission fees. In addition, we will need to buy the rights to a water line. Our budget is all inclusive of these costs. We will make application for exemption from property taxes as a non-profit entity. Ongoing maintenance costs will be split equally between ourselves and the Japan field.

Q. How will you repay the loan portion in the pie chart?

A. We intend to repay this 14% portion over 5~10 years through the use of the facility for some paid activities (i.e., English Bible classes. Japanese prefer to pay than receive for free) and other groups, and through the giving of the new church that forms and worships in this place.

Q. Are bank loans a possible source of funding?

The double challenge of being a religious entity and foreigner makes a home loan in Japan impossible. We feel the best responsible funding for this new church is the family of God.

Q. How will the church/outreach space be used through the week?

A. See website (www.lavermansinjapan.org/muko) for envisioned usage as a means of reaching Musashi Kosugi for Christ.

For giving through WorldVenture (Project: "Japan Church Start/Laverman") or other details on this project, please refer to the "Reaching Muko" brochure, or see: