

STM, MTM Worker Ministry Description

Denen Grace Chapel; Kawasaki, Japan

Ministry Position:

English Friendship Ministry

Length:

Flexible, 2~3 months or longer preferred

Ministry Purpose/Summary:

If you can speak English and be a friend, you can make an eternal impact in Japan through ministry in a local church context. Be part of reaching the 99% that need Christ in Kawasaki and Yokohama.

The purpose of this ministry is: 1) To point Japanese to Christ through relational and practical ways that speak to their felt needs. 2) To serve the local Japanese church and strengthen it in its outreach impact. 3) To develop a missional Christian by providing the STM/MTM worker with an understanding of multiple aspects of life, culture and ministry in Japan, primarily in a new church context. 4) To give the worker a vision for the potential opportunities and needs of the Japan field.

Ministry Context:

The primary ministry context will be Denen Grace Chapel, a new church work in Kawasaki under the direction of Kevin and Kaori Laverman. The worker will live in a studio apartment in the church neighborhood and near shopping, community services, and train stations with easy access into the greater Tokyo metro area. The worker will begin ministry through the existing pool of relationships in and outside of the church, and develop new contacts as a natural product of this work.

Ministry Opportunities:

- One-on-one and small group conversational English tutoring (non-academic) for kids and adults. Sunday English Bible study/gathering. Possibility for English teaching in other community venues.
- A “friendship ministry” with both believers and unbelievers (i.e., social outings, meet and chat at café, eat a meal or play a game together, or just do something fun together; pray with and encourage new believers, and get to know unbelievers.) to build bridges for the gospel.
- Assist with service-oriented projects and tasks as needed.
- Observe and assist JBF field related ministries.
- Other ministry possibilities according to the worker’s experience, gifts and passion.

Accountability & Mentoring:

On-field orientation. Weekly debrief and prayer time with Kevin & Kaori Laverman.

The individual or couple will work under the oversight of ministry supervisors (Lavermans) and in cooperation with the church ministry leadership (Denen Grace Chapel), JBF field leadership (LT), and STM coordinator (Janet Brown) or team leader.

Example Schedule:

Mon Day Off

Tue JBF ministry observation/participation (or) class preparation/projects/admin

Wed AM Japanese Language Class (at community center) and PM cultural acclimation activities

Thu AM Prayerwalk. PM Kids, Small Group or One-on-one Conversational English

Fri Secondary ministry option (to be discussed), additional tutoring or time with students

Sat Time with students

Sun Denen Grace Chapel service, outreach and English ministry involvement.

Schedule is flexible. Final schedule will be set in consultation with ministry supervisor.

Qualifications:

- A baptized believer with a heart for the lost
- Recommended by their local church and sent through WorldVenture/Fellowship
- Willing to raise needed financial and prayer support
- Some basic Bible training desired. Prior crosscultural ministry experience helpful. TESL training or conversational English teaching experience helpful.

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