

Groundwork has been laid:

1. Two EFC churches have been planning and praying for 7 years.
2. Doug and Cheryl already have vast cultural and language ability for ministering in Japan
3. Doug has the pastoral skills. Cheryl has educational and administrative skills.
4. Construction of a church building with housing, will begin soon



SAITAMA, JAPAN



How can you support the work of the Conrad's in Japan?

1. We would love to have more prayer partners to pray for all the details of preparing to go and for the work in Japan.
2. We will need monthly financial support for the next few years. We would love to talk to you more about the need and how you can help.

Check the information below to contact us!

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DOUG AND CHERYL CONRAD Church Planters in Japan



Doug and Cheryl hope to be returning to Japan by October 2025 to assist Japanese churches in starting a new church plant. Their desire is to be there 3 - 5 years to see the work launched and to hand it off to Japanese leadership.



SAITAMA TEAM VISION

The vision for Saitama is to reach more communities with the gospel of Christ by outreach events for all ages, English classes, starting a new church plant, and developing a Christian camp. The four churches mentioned below have been well established for a number of years, but that is not enough for them. They all desire to see more of neighbors knowing the one true God!



Doug and Cheryl's long history with Japan began when Doug was born in Japan. His parents, Stan and Joyce Conrad, were EFCA missionaries. He grew up in Japan and met Cheryl at Bethel University. In 1991, Doug's parents heard of an opportunity for a teacher at an international school in Sendai. After that first year, Doug and Cheryl felt a strong calling to return to minister in Japan more long term.

Doug and Cheryl were in Sendai for most of the 1990s. While there, they were active in young adult ministry, youth ministry, English teaching, Bible studies and outreach events. They also adopted their two boys while in Sendai.

In 2004, they returned to Japan with Reach Global in Fukuoka. They started Meinohama Christian Center. MCC, was busy with English classes, worship services in Japanese and English, children's clubs, baking classes, and special events. They also adopted their daughter at that time.



PAST SUMMER TEAM MINISTRY

The last two summers, we have brought teams to the Saitama area where we have supported the Warabi EFC and Kawaguchi EFC children and youth programs. The teams enjoyed working with these two passionate pastors with VBS and camp. These two both have huge hearts for desiring to see communities to know Christ. It is also exciting to see how team members come to love the people of Japan and some may want to return!



Pastor Miki from Warabi EFC



Pastor Takao from Kawaguchi EFC

FUTURE CHURCH PLANTING

Approximately 7 years ago two churches, Kawagoe EFC and Higashiomiya EFC began praying for a new work in the area. A committee was formed. This group thought about strategy and sought the Lord for guidance for the future by praying together weekly. The area of chosen was Nishiomiya. This area is mainly young families, with many of the men commuting by train daily into Tokyo.



Pastor Nose from Kawagoe EFC



Pastor Kiyooka from Higashiomiya.EFC

FUTURE FOCUS ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

The Conrad's focus will be to find ways to connect with communities through English classes for all ages, outreach events, Bible classes, baking classes and contact with local schools and preschools. This has been their "sweet spot" in the past and look forward to how God will use them in the future!



Doug doing Bible dramas for children at Kawaguchi.



Cheryl playing games with children at Kawaguchi.