

HWANG



Gordon & Lee Ann Hwang

JAPAN

LANGUAGES

English
Japanese

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Discipleship,
Education,
Evangelism

BIRTHDAYS

Gordon 7/21
Lee Ann 5/21



LOCATION

Japan



ABOUT

GORDON and LEE ANN serve Oasis Chapel in Rifu, Japan, reaching families for Christ. One ministry, the English Café, is an English conversational class using Bible stories. God is raising up church members who are also being trained to lead this ministry. Gordon and Lee Ann serve in additional ways to meet the

tangible and spiritual needs of those around them. While doing maintenance on the grounds of the church's Morigo campground, they also host BBQs and support the campers and volunteers who come to use the facilities. They host a marriage course and meet with moms of young children to share biblical principles for parenting. To assist with economic development in this rural area, Lee Ann also cultivates a demonstration "no-till" garden for others to exemplify.



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Mrs. Sasaki and Yoko (on the right) are delighted to get re-acquainted after 40 years!

“ MINISTRY STORY

Two years ago, H-san, a church member and former English teacher, asked to meet with Lee Ann to practice her English. While reading through some Christian books together, God challenged her to increase her exercise. So, we began walking. Another challenge was to step out of her comfort zone and engage people outside her friend circle.

During one of our weekly walks, God brought us in contact with Mrs. Sasaki. H-san discovered that speaking to a stranger, although considered rude in Japan, didn't cause the trouble she expected. Over the next year and a half, we visited Mrs. Sasaki to get to know her better and discovered how God had been working in her life. H-san is now taking the lead in conversing with her.

Recently, after not seeing Mrs. Sasaki for many months, we discovered another God-connection, which led to inviting her for tea. H-san also invited another woman from the church to join us. We found that these two women were already acquainted with each other, although they hadn't met together in many years. The teatime was a joyful reunion! Again, God was at work long before we met Mrs. Sasaki.

Through this experience, H-san discovered that taking the risk of interacting with others provided an opportunity to be part of someone's faith journey. Please pray for Mrs. Sasaki to feel a part of the Rifu Church and put her faith in Jesus.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ask God to give Japanese Christians courage to share their faith with their family, friends and people they meet.

Ask God's guidance in using English as an outreach tool. Currently, the church has a monthly English conversation teatime and the city has asked for a summer English day camp for elementary students at Morigo Campground.

Pray for Lee Ann's no-till demonstration garden. There is an opportunity for young people to start a career in farming as many of the farmers are retiring.

SCRIPTURE

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2 (NIV)