

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 are serving in Yokohama, Japan.

Gordon exercises gifts of service and hospitality, hosting a weekly fellowship meeting in their home.

Lee Ann works as an English conversation teacher for junior and senior high school

students at Soshin Girls' School. She also has opportunities to make connections with students in two clubs, through foreign exchange programs, by speaking in chapel, and with their home-fellowship meetings.

Gordon and Lee Ann continue to visit and encourage pastors who are ministering to survivors of the 2011 earthquake disaster in Tohoku, northeast Japan.



MINISTRY STORY

There is always some tension when volunteers come to help out at Sochin Girls' School: nervousness on their part, and uncertainty on our part about how they will interact with the students. We see God working through it all, developing the volunteers, engaging with students, and encouraging us.

"K," a student who now regularly attends the weekly after-school chat club, originally connected with us by coming to activities run by a volunteer group. While she has not made a commitment to Jesus, she attends church and engages in spiritual conversations with us.

Another girl became interested in learning English because of the volunteers. She participated in the Soshin short-term exchange program to Australia.

"M" had such a positive experience practicing English with a volunteer team that she decided to host a volunteer. Since then, M has continued to host students from sister schools in Australia.

Many times, students make comments about the messages the volunteers have shared in chapel or in after-school presentations. We have also been encouraged to hear about changes that volunteers are making in their lives as a result of their experiences here.

It's exciting to be part of this team, working for Jesus. Together we are planting and watering. It is amazing to see God provide the growth in our Japanese friends and in us.



Volunteer Sarah McCloy and students communicate actively in English.

PRAYER REQUESTS

English proficiency is becoming increasingly important to students in Japan. Ask God to give his people wisdom and creativity in using this interest as a tool to speak into the lives of the people of Japan.

Suicide is the leading cause of death among 10-19-year-olds in Japan. Please pray for the young people.

Japanese people will only be able to accept faith in Jesus when they can trust the people in his family. It takes time and relationship-building to develop trust. Please pray that people will want to belong to the family of Christ!

SCRIPTURE

"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ... For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

I Corinthians 3:7, 9 (NIV)