

# Extending the Vision

*A Proven Model to Reproduce  
a Church in Four Years*



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## PARTNER WITH LIFE TO PLANT A CHURCH! A PROVEN MODEL TO REPRODUCE A CHURCH IN FOUR YEARS

- Year 1** Seek board/elder approval for the partnership. Identify a quality worker to apply to LIFE. (We will help you discover, screen and train this person.) Help your *Church Planting Associate* raise support. Pray.
- Year 2** Send your *Church Planting Associate* to Japan in March to partner with a national pastor. Church Multiplication Team will be formed; strategy will be designed and implemented. Associate will be mentored by an experienced LIFE church planter. Send e-mails. Receive prayer letters and pray.
- Year 3** Encourage your *Associate* and build more connections; get involved. Maybe send a summer team of 3-5 to assist the project for a month or so. Help keep your Associate supported. Send a care package. Pray for the new fledgling congregation.
- Year 4** Remind the members of the sending congregation to continue to pray. After three years in Japan, welcome your *Associate* back in March. Rejoice because you have successfully planted a church! Look at your Associate's photos of the new Japanese congregation. Thank God. Pray about joining another church planting project to impact this nation, where less than 1% know Christ.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

LIFE Ministries provides the expertise on screening, getting the visa, raising financial support, training for service in Japan, and placing the *Church Planting Associate* in a church ready to multiply. The **Japanese host church** provides a visionary pastor for the mother church and one for the daughter church, a meeting place, Japanese Christian team members, and partial financial support for the *Associate* (housing deposit, monthly rent, automobile, etc.). The **Sending church** provides a quality *Church Planting Associate* (or 1-3 workers over three years) and the finances to support the worker(s).

## IS IT REALLY PROVEN?

If past success is a good indicator, there is a vast probability the church will reproduce in three years or less. LIFE has been able to accelerate the process and increase the fruitfulness of church multiplication by linking church planting missionaries and congregations into effective **Church Multiplication Teams**. Simply, it's the networking of key people united under a common goal with a clearly defined timeline that makes this model effective. We place visionary pastors into a network of three or more pastors all trying to reproduce a church. Then it's a matter of developing, encouraging and resourcing them with what they need to achieve their vision. Rev. Jiro Chida, who successfully reproduced his church in 2-1/2 years, said:



3つの教会があれば  
簡単にできます。

“Mitsu no kyokai ga areba, kantan ni dekimasu!”

(If you have just three churches, you can do [church multiplication] easily.)

## PREDICTABLE OUTCOMES

Each project has a limited duration of just three years, in which time the following outcomes are expected:

- An indigenous, self-autonomous church is established with ongoing Japanese leadership.
- The new church does not require financial support from the North American church.
- The missionary leaves after three years without creating dependency or the expectation for more workers.
- The North American church has planted a church in the strategic nation of Japan and helped to reach a community for Christ.

## THE NEW OPPORTUNITY

Perhaps the greatest contribution that LIFE Ministries has made to the work of the Gospel in Japan and to Christ's church there has been the development of this new model and a practical strategy for church multiplication - planting local churches that plant more churches - with potential for exponential growth over time. Because of its proven success and reproducibility, LIFE Ministries is now positioned to catalyze a church multiplication movement across Japan. We envision this strategic gateway nation to lead the way in bringing Christ's hope to all of Asia, through what we have termed the 20/20 Vision.

“I've not only helped send our people to Japan through LIFE, but I went with them myself. They are definitely on the cutting edge of missions in a difficult place. LIFE is doing great things for God in Japan.”

*Dr. Ken Uyeda Fong, Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church – Los Angeles and Urbana 2000 Expositor*

Want to plant a church in Japan? For more information about this exciting opportunity for partnership, contact us to set up an appointment.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

LIFE Ministries exists to **START** and **STRENGTHEN** Japanese churches

- in partnership with visionary pastors and congregations
- through innovation in evangelism and leadership training.

### OUR 20/20 VISION

- To deploy 100 Church Multiplication Teams that will
- start 1000 new congregations, in order to
- reach 1 million new believers, who will in turn
- send 1000 missionaries from Japan to the cities of Asia that will be
- home to 1 billion people by the year 2020 AD.



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