

# Focusing Ministry

Feb 2017 –Japan Ministry Spotlights and Prayer

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## What do the Mehns do? Our Roles and Ministries. Pray for Us.

### 1. Evangelizing the Unreached Urban Masses in Japan.

Elaine has outreach classes to women in our neighborhood like cooking and needlepoint classes and Bible studies to share Jesus with Japanese. John also has several contacts with men for evangelism. Less than 1% of Japanese are Christian.

### 2. Directing the Japan Church Planting Institute (CPI).

John conducts training, develops regional networks, and coaches church planters in developing leadership to plant and grow movements of multiplying gospel-driven churches. CPI has had some of the largest national church planting conferences in the history of Japan. Next one October 25-27.



### 3. Mobilizing and Mentoring for Spiritual Renewal.

Both Elaine and John train in spiritual renewal through CPI. Elaine mentors women missionaries and Japanese pastor's wives in spiritual formation. John and Elaine often mentor one couple together.

### 4. Partnering with a Growing Japanese Denomination (the Rengo)

John's primary roles are leadership in evangelism and church planting, training in churches, preaching, and coaching pastors and leaders. Elaine works with outreach ministry for Japanese women.

## GOD ANSWERED

- We have been back a month and have been adjusting to the culture, gearing up our ministries, starting classes, and reconnecting with people with Vision Festa, Rengo, CPI and our mission.
- Elaine and John were able to have a reunion with Midori Fujizaki who was attending the Niiza church 15 years ago. She is now attending another Rengo church.
- One key Japanese visionary leader suffered a stroke last year and was unable to talk. John felt he saw a miracle last week when this leader said he is 100% cured and then he talked about how God used the stroke to humble his heart and expose his idolatry of success in ministry.

## PRAYER PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS

1. God has blessed the registration and preparations for February's "Grace Week" in Tokyo (almost 50) and Nagoya (almost 40)! Pray that God may come and renew all of us. <http://jcpi.net/grace-week>
2. A Japanese seminary wants to use the CPI manual to begin classes in church planting. Pray for this budding partnership with them and other groups and networks.
3. Each month there are key meetings with leaders and connections with mentors and friends.

## INTENSIVE PRAYER TEAM

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