

Country Resources: Japan (日本)



This “Country Resources” packet contains country-specific information, such as links to country reports. These discuss the spiritual conditions of the land, the culture, the history, and requests for prayer. There are additional links for language learning and local Christian bookstores, organizations, and support.

A separate “Japanese Resources” packet is also available on the CCD Website. It contains links to bilingual and native language resources for discipleship, including books, workbooks, websites, and videos.

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Part 1: Country Study

COUNTRY REPORTS

These reports will help you learn more about the country, the people, and the spiritual conditions of the land.

- [Joshua Project- Japan](https://www.joshuaproject.net/countries/ja) (<https://www.joshuaproject.net/countries/ja>)
Joshua Project provides information about the religious affiliation and unreached groups.
- [Operation World- Japan](http://www.operationworld.org/country/japa/owtext.html) (<http://www.operationworld.org/country/japa/owtext.html>)
- Operation World provides statistics and information about the cultural and spiritual conditions of nations, along with requests for prayer.
- [PrayerCast- Japan](https://prayercast.com/japan.html) (<https://prayercast.com/japan.html>)
PrayerCast is a website that provides country information and prayer points.
- [Commisceo Global- Japan](https://commisceo-global.com/country-guides/japan-guide) (<https://commisceo-global.com/country-guides/japan-guide>)
Commisceo Global provides familiarization with culture, customs, and etiquette.
- [Encyclopedia Britannica- Japan](https://www.britannica.com/place/Japan) (<https://www.britannica.com/place/Japan>)
Encyclopedia Britannica provides up-to-date country reports. These are helpful for learning about the country, history, people, and culture.
- [BBC Country Profiles- Japan](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-14918801) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-14918801>)
BBC Country Profiles provide good, concise country reports. They are no longer kept up to date, but they are good for looking up maps, graphics, and timelines of historic events.
- [Operation Japan Prayer Guide, by Don Wright](https://www.amazon.com/Operation-Japan-Prayer-Guide-5th-Wright/dp/1702635775)
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This handbook includes up-to-date information on each prefecture in Japan, with a system for praying through specific needs and issues throughout the nation.

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Part 2: In-Country Resources

ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations provide unique resources and support.

- [Reaching Japanese for Christ Network \(RJCN\)](https://ricnetwork.org/) (<https://ricnetwork.org/>)
RJCN has many resources to assist missionaries and ministries. They provide online training and webinars. They host conferences and events to help facilitate networking.
- [The RJCN Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/24076595173/) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/24076595173/>)
- The RJCN Facebook page helps connect and equip missionaries and church leaders. This is a good place to ask questions and inquire about churches and resources in a particular area.
- [The Mustard Seed Network](https://www.mustardseedjapan.com) (<https://www.mustardseedjapan.com>)
The Mustard Seed Network is a church planting organization in Japan that also has a wealth of publicly available, cross-cultural discipleship resources on their website.
- [Second Level Ministry](https://secondlevel.org/en/about/) (<https://secondlevel.org/en/about/>)
Second Level Ministry offers resources, from a Japanese perspective, to support the spiritual growth of Japanese Christians.
- [Japanese Christian Fellowship Network \(JCFN\)](https://jcfm.org/) (<https://jcfm.org/>)
JCFN encourages outreach to Japanese living abroad. They also help returnees transition back to Japan, by helping them getting connected with churches and other believers.
- [Japanese Evangelical Missionary Association \(JEMA\)](https://jema.org/) (<https://jema.org/>)
JEMA is a good place for missionaries in Japan to network and find resources.
- [The Gideons International- In Japan](https://www.gideons-jp.org/english) (<https://www.gideons-jp.org/english>)
The Gideons are ministry organization that focuses on getting Bibles to locations beyond the church like hotels, hospitals, and other places where people seek hope.
- [OMF \(Overseas Missionary Fellowship\) Japan](https://omf.org/east-asia/japan/) (<https://omf.org/east-asia/japan/>)
OMF is a global fellowship of Christians with a heart for East Asia. The OMF Japan site provides Japan-specific information, as well as opportunities for mobilization.
- [No Place Left- Japan](https://www.noplacelleftjapan.com/basic-training) (<https://www.noplacelleftjapan.com/basic-training>)
No Place Left is a movement that helps train and equip believers for disciple-making, evangelism, and church planting. They partner with local churches.

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LANGUAGE LEARNING

The primary language in Japan is Japanese. Some speak English at various proficiency levels.

Please visit the CCD website for links to free language learning resources:

<https://www.crossculturaldiscipleship.com/resources-japanese>

CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES

These bookstores and publishing companies offer Japanese and bilingual resources.

- [Word of Life Press Ministries \(WLPM\)](https://www.wlpm.or.jp/) (<https://www.wlpm.or.jp/>)
There are many Japanese resources available here. (Japan)
- [Second Level Store](https://secondlevel.org/en/resources/) (<https://secondlevel.org/en/resources/>)
The Second Level Store offers some helpful discipleship resources. (Japan)