

**Report for LCJE Japan 2007-2011**  
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Greetings to all LCJE co-workers worldwide! LCJE Japan is honored to be allowed to work with all of you for the salvation of the Jewish people in Messiah Yeshua.

LCJE Japan's scale is quite different from other branches of LCJE. Japan itself has one of the world's smallest Christian populations, and its resident Jewish population is even smaller. Also, since most Japanese churches have comparatively little awareness of, or interest in, either world mission or the well being of the Jewish people as items in the agenda of their own ordinary church work, LCJE Japan's work is focused on raising awareness of world mission as a topic for even local and small Japanese churches, and the ongoing centrality of Jewish evangelism in that world mission ("the gospel is for the Jew first, Romans 1:16, our watchword).

We seek to educate Japanese churches and Christians about present day realities for the Jewish people both in the State of Israel and in the Diaspora, and invite prayer for the Jewish people and for the State of Israel, and for mission work among the Jewish people wherever they may be. We seek to be a network for any Japanese Christians committed to bringing the gospel to the Jewish people, and through our activities introduce the Christian public at large to current topics in the field of Jewish evangelism through our monthly Japanese language newsletter, LCJE News. To achieve these aims, since 2007 we have pursued the following activities:

1) regular intercessory prayer meetings held monthly in both Tokyo and Osaka. These prayer meetings vary in attendance according to the season and the rhythms of Japanese life, but all attendees are devoted to this work, give generously, and pray fervently. Many travel by express train over distances of 2 hours one way to attend.

2) LCJE News published monthly, and sent free of charge to individuals and churches and Christians institutions. This Japanese language publication includes translations of articles from LCJE Bulletin issues and articles written by members of the LCJE Japan steering committee. This LCJE News is also LCJE Japan's major fundraising method, as it includes solicitations for funds and information for bank and postal money transfers. This newsletter reaches Japanese Christians throughout the country who otherwise cannot be included in activities in Osaka and Tokyo due to excessive distance and travel times necessary for participation.

3) special events built around guest speakers from abroad. LCJE Japan has been honored to host very distinguished guests for events in Tokyo and Osaka between 2007 and 2011.

In August of 2008, David and Lisa Loden of Congregation Beit Asaph in Netanya, Israel spoke on the Reconciliation Movement between Israeli Messianic and Arab believers, and the opportunities and challenges presented by the current political situation. They also led Japanese Christians in Messianic music, and introduced to the Christian population at large an almost unknown variety of hymnody and worship songs. These songs continue to provide a stimulus to worships here as well.

In October of 2009 Dr. Noam Hendron of the Israel College of the Bible was hosted by LCJE Japan for talks in Tokyo and Osaka about topics in Jewish evangelism in the State of Israel, and in his own life as a Jewish believer in Yeshua. He also introduced the work of the Israel College of the Bible to Christians here in Japan. We pray that further academic connections will be formed between Japanese seminaries and the ICB.

In October 2010 LCJE Japan focused on Jewish evangelistic work among the people of the Diaspora, and hosted Dr. Rich Freeman from the United States and a dynamic and engaging speaker of Chosen People Ministries. Dr. Freeman presented an in-depth look at Romans 9 through 11, connecting the thought of the Apostle Paul to current needs of the unsaved Jewish populations of the Diaspora, and illustrating many of the topics with examples drawn from his own experiences both before and after he met Yeshua. He also gave LCJE Japan a needed stimulus to pray for the urgent work among the Diaspora.

4) With the permission of the editor of Mishkan, LCJE Japan attempted to launch a series of Japanese translations of selected Mishkan articles, aiming at free of charge distribution among Japanese seminaries and churches. Mishkan was duly acknowledged as holder of the copyright in the Japanese published edition. Due to financial considerations, however, free of charge distribution was not feasible, and the work as originally envisioned could not be maintained. This work is currently suspended pending a sturdier financial situation in LCJE Japan.

LCJE Japan especially wishes to thank all co-workers worldwide for the ongoing prayer for Japan in its time of national crisis! Very warm thanks to all!

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