



By Christ, Sport is also worship!

ATHLETE CHURCH SUPPORT LETTER

Revival even through sports!

Our family has been spreading the greatness of Jesus through sport. We were both athletes in track and field events. Kim was a Korean national sprint athlete. Madoka was a junior national athlete for Japan in the long distance. We started this sports ministry in 2017, and therefore we know the importance of sports ministry. While we read the book of Acts, God led us to visit many places throughout Japan.



↑ We are cooperating with Japan International Sports Partnership (JiSP)

Through the visits and the evangelistic activities we did, we wanted to spread the good news about what God has done in the Japanese church throughout the nation. We wanted to share what we can all do to see revival in Japan.

It was time for us to share this good news with many churches in Japan and create a big wave. We wanted to get the wave of revival happening in different places and help turn it into a big wave. We wanted to overcome the great barriers that we never managed to overcome.

We traveled to churches across Japan to share our vision and encourage everyone to become 'One Team' - the Community of the Holy Spirit. We wanted to be the Body of Christ.

This is what happened. We left our home in Yokohama on December 31st 2021 and have been traveling around Japan in a camping van for 21 months ever since. We may be homeless, but we are happy to be able to do missionary work together as a family. Supported by everyone's prayers, we moved forward even during the Covid pandemic and its restrictions.

We visited around 110 churches during this period, sharing messages and testimonies, doing running and exercise classes, festivals, etc. There are around 300 churches connected so far. We made a lot of connections, cooperated together with Christians and helped to build a lot of church networks. This means that the sports ministry vision is growing across the country.

Click here to view
the number of sports ministries and leaders by region →



ATHLETE CHURCH VISION

Revival in Japan through sports!!

in Sports

for those involved in the sports world
Each person is a temple of the Holy Ghost

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

Mission

We will make a paradigm shift to increase the number of athletes and people involved in sports who use the gift of sports to glorify God.

Mission Statement

- ① Convey the fact that approximately 70% of the Japanese people, or 80 million people, are involved in sports, and ask the church for prayers.
- ② Cooperate with churches to send Christians involved in sports to sports sites.



(Preaching, Testimony, Seminar, Conference)

- ③ Develop disciples of Christ through sports.



(Making Disciples through Sports)

in Sport goals for 2024-2026

- To be able to incorporate sports ministry into the seminary. Through this, we will learn about sports ministry and start sports clubs so that we can discover and develop dedicated people who are engaged in sports.
- Explore the need to establish a sports ministry missionary center where people can receive missionary training while competing in sports or teaching sports.
- An inter-church futsal tournament will be held in February 2024.

Unity

network formation
God's Family ~One Team~

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47

Mission

Formation of Japan's One Team. Forming a City Team that can go out into the community. Expand our network using the universal language of sports.

Mission Statement

- ① With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will visit churches all over Japan and increase our number of members.
- ② Together, we will think about sports ministries that are suitable for each church and region. (Utilizing the vision and diversity of each church, denomination, and group) ⇒ Relationship



(Running Class)



(Health Exercise)



(All Ability)

- ③ Become a bridge for the formation of a network of Japanese churches. ⇒ Cooperation



(Festival)

Unity goals for 2024-2026

- We will work with local churches to incorporate sports ministry into the work being undertaken by Japanese churches (church schools, child support, children's cafeterias, orphanages, etc.).
- Be involved in building a team (Ibaraki/Aichi) that will serve as a model for City Teams, ensuring that many City Teams are formed and local missionary and domestic outreach activities are activated. (In particular, Aichi will host the Asian Games in 2026)
- Churches from Yokohama and Kanagawa gather at Yokohama Stadium to hold a festival. Then we worship together at the stadium. Scheduled for fall 2024.

Ripe for Harvest

Along the way we collected many testimonies. Through these testimonies we want the world to know that...

Japan is not a missionary cemetery.

There is hope in the Japanese church.

The world is full of disappointing news.

Epidemics, wars, catastrophes, etc. Sometimes it feels like all the doors are closed and we are paralyzed.

But we see how God is giving many people the same thoughts regarding the revival of Japan, and the flame of revival is starting to spread everywhere. Through natural disasters and the pandemic crisis, He taught us how churches and Christians can be and serve together through "teamwork."

After the 2011 Tohoku earthquake, tsunami and the Covid crisis, God made us realize that every disciple of Jesus has a role to play in God's Mission. Our family task is to go as missionaries, encourage and support people. We believe there is hope even in times of misfortune like during the pandemic.

We are grateful to God for pushing the rudder toward Japan's revival.

And we believe that Japanese sports ministry will be key in worldwide missionary work.

"He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

2024 budget

(Total : 6,100,000yen / \$41,000) ※October 4th 2023 rate

1 year of ministry costs	Visiting cost	1,700,000 yen
	(staying expenses, transportation expenses, etc.)	\$11,400
	Festival/Clinic	300,000 yen
		\$2,010
	Conference/training fee	100,000 yen
		\$670
	Discipleship Training	300,000 yen
		\$2,010
Tokyo Christian University tuition fees	v	1,500,000 yen
	Starting track and field club	\$10,050
Sports movement level 2 training (Korea)	2 people	200,000 yen
		\$1,400
Mission trip to Paris, France during the Olympics	7 staff members	2,000,000 yen
		\$14,000

※A separate fundraiser will be held for the Mission Center/Yokohama Stadium event.

\$=American dollar

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SUPPORT

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●BRANCH NAME
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●BENEFICIARY'S ACCOUNT NO.
363-2785924

●BENEFICIARY NAME
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HOMEPAGE ↓

