

## **KANTO (Greater Tokyo) ENGLISH EVANGELISM PROGRAM (KEEP)**

A partnership between the EFCCM and some Tokyo area churches of the Evangelical Free Church of Japan

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### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Workers must be born again Christians with membership in a local Canadian or American evangelical church. They should have one year of some kind of ministry experience in their home church, verifiable by their pastor.

Because this ministry is evangelistic, workers should be enthusiastic in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is hoped that the workers will understand the truths of the Bible and be able to present those truths in simple English.

While no special English teaching certification (e.g., TESL) is required, workers are expected to have a university education. The worker should be able to patiently, and in a friendly manner, use simple standard North American English while communicating and conducting classes.

The teachers are to be single women or men.

### **FINANCES**

Each participating Japanese church is responsible for its proportion of the following expenses:

- A monthly stipend of 120,000 yen (CAD\$1400) for ten months for each teacher.
- KEEP supplies a small apartment for the missionary. If the teacher wishes, a home stay can be arranged for the first several weeks after arrival in Japan.
- Class expenses for advertisements, teaching materials, and management.
- Transportation expenses for the teacher's travel to classes.
- Japanese income tax for the teacher.

The following expenses are the responsibility of the individual teacher.

- Roundtrip airfare to Japan and personal travel in Japan.
- Utilities (telephone, gas (LP or city), electricity, water). Except for telephone, often these items are included with the apartment. If not, the total might be \$250 per month.
- Grocery costs will likely be about \$300 per month.
- International medical insurance arranged through the EFCCM.
- National Japanese health insurance is recommended, and usually costs about \$200 per month. (Japanese health insurance premiums vary according to location. The insurance covers 30% of most medical expenses.)

### **SCHEDULE**

A minimum commitment through June 2010. There is a possibility of extending for one more year.

Each academic year has three terms: September ~ Christmas, January ~ March, and April ~ June. The length of each term varies, but runs from 10-15 weeks.

Teachers attend worship services at a participating church or at a church chosen in consultation with the EFCC Tokyo team leader, and can freely choose to serve that church in ways other than English teaching.

### **TEACHING LOAD**

Each worker teaches classes at a maximum of three churches.

The maximum number of classes each week for each teacher is 15.

Most classes are held during the daytime and are intended mainly for housewives and children. Evening classes may be started as needed for other students.

One class is one hour, including 10-15 minutes of chapel time.

In addition to Sunday, the worker is given one day off each week.

### **RELATIONSHIP WITH PARTICIPATING CHURCHES**

A steering committee composed of representatives from the host churches will meet approximately three times a year. The worker will attend these meetings and discussion will take place through an interpreter.

Participating churches assign someone to be responsible for each class.

Each class should have at least one church member present.

The English teacher and the pastor share the responsibility for the chapel time. Sometimes the chapel time is taught by the English teacher and at other times it is taught by the pastor.

Each church makes Japanese-English bilingual New Testaments available for the students to use.

Participating churches provide a white board, tables, and chairs for the classes.

A copy machine is available at each church for preparing teaching materials.

### **RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EFCCM**

Workers apply through the EFCCM.

In addition to the participating churches, the EFCCM Tokyo team leader also provides care and leadership.