

HWANG



Gordon & Lee Ann Hwang

JAPAN

LANGUAGES

English
Japanese

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Discipleship,
Education,
Evangelism

BIRTHDAYS

Gordon 7/21
Lee Ann 5/21



LOCATION

Japan



ABOUT

GORDON and LEE ANN work with the Japan Baptist Union Rifu Christian Church (Oasis Chapel) alongside their various ministries to reach families for Christ. As a part of this ministry, they teach English conversation classes for children and Christian parenting and marriage improvement classes for parents. They

lead the English Chat (English conversation) ministry and also engage in a ministry of hospitality.



At Rifu Church/Oasis Chapel in Japan, they are intentionally working to strengthen families in Jesus. They meet regularly at the new chapel built on the campground owned by the church.

“ MINISTRY STORY

We are excited about God's call to return to Japan! When considering another term, we thought we'd serve with the Baptist schools in Yokohama since it took ten years to develop trust relationships within the schools. However, God opened the door to serve with a pastor of a growing church in Rifu, a suburb of Sendai, the largest city in Tohoku (northeastern Japan). It was a surprise gift as Lee Ann wanted to serve there. We share the vision with the church people of reaching families for Christ. We hope to grow great partnerships using our experience teaching English, our commitment to improving our marriage and raising children well, and our love of hospitality.

One women's small group Bible study leader had questions about the testimony we gave at the morning worship service the week after we moved. She was curious about how we made the decision to come to Rifu. Lee Ann had said it was her desire to serve at the Rifu church, so she assumed Lee Ann had made the decision. She was a little surprised when Lee Ann said she was following her husband. She mentioned the women in

her small group are all married. They are trying to follow their husband's lead per biblical instruction and are frustrated. We talked about praying and waiting and how difficult that is. She was encouraged that someone else also struggled with that and could give testimony to God's faithfulness. We were invited to visit her small group.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for God's blessings on the growth of the church in Rifu as they reach out to the community.

Pray for God's guidance and the Holy Spirit's power upon the members.

Pray for favor in the eyes of the community and a willingness to participate in the outreach activities the church sponsors.

SCRIPTURE

“[Saved] not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:9-10 (NIV)