



# Life Hope Network

## Nagoya, Japan



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- Less than 1% of Japanese say they are Christian.
- Japan is the 2nd most technologically powerful economy in the world (the U.S. is 1st) and the 3rd largest economy in the world (the U.S. and China are 1st and 2nd, respectively).
- Nagoya is Japan's 4th largest city (2.2 million people) and a major port. Its main industry is the automotive business.

### Japan and Abortion

- Japan has 343,000 abortions annually.
- Japan's population is declining. More than 2,000 schools have closed in the last decade due to lack of children.
- Many Buddhist temples offer a service—for profit—to exorcise the evil spirits of aborted babies which women fear are haunting them.
- The cost per abortion is about 3 times what it is in the U.S.

### A Note to Our Prayer Partners

In our first three years, we've had many unanticipated experiences, including one client's baby being born in a volunteer's car! Our main focus has been providing a place for women to stay, so we have had some major challenges learning how to deal effectively with "homestays." God has given us a nice big house where I, my Japanese colleague (a former client), her baby, and homestays live. We also have the office in the house. This is a new beginning. I'm sure it will be filled with challenges. But God has been faithful to us so far, and we know we can trust Him with our future.

People in Japan aren't usually poor, and they have a lot of government help, so we focus on what we can uniquely provide: the gospel in word and deed. We believe the most important thing we can do is study the Bible with a client and share the gospel. This is their only hope for change and a better life. Even with a high standard of living, Japan has a crisis in emotional illness, an inability to cope with life, and suicide. We pray for chances to make a real difference in the lives of many clients.

### Life Hope Network Client Statistics

	2005	2006	2007
Client Visits	5	51	114
Abortion-Minded Clients	1	2	10
AMC Decisions to Carry	1	1	8
Gospel Presentations	0	14	16
Decisions for Christ	0	0	2

### Life Hope Network 2008 Goals

- Attract five new clients a month (email, phone, and on-site).
- See some clients become Christians.
- Serve post-abortion clients with our new training.
- Raise at least 2/3 of the center's support from within Japan.

### Life Hope Network 2008 Prayer Requests

- For our first year of providing post-abortion services.
- For a prior homestay client and her husband to continue going to church and become committed Christians.
- For our current homestay client's time with LHN to be blessed.
- For the continued spiritual health and growth of volunteers.

### How Can You Partner with LIFE International?

Individuals, churches, centers, and businesses can partner with LIFE through prayer and financial support. Every prayer offered and every gift sown into LIFE helps make possible life-giving ministries like Life Hope Network. Will you join with LIFE and help establish life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

**Have questions? Want more information? Contact us at [info@lifeinternational.com](mailto:info@lifeinternational.com) or (616) 248-3300.**



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