



# Life Hope Network Nagoya, Japan



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## Nagoya, Japan

- 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.
- For a fee, many Buddhist temples 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.

## Life Hope Network 2009 Goals

- See a significant number of post-abortion clients find true healing in Christ.
- Have more women stay with us, come to Christ, and begin new lives.
- Further wean ourselves from American financial support.

## God Was at Work in so Many Ways

Once Sayumi decided not to have an abortion, she couldn't stay at home—her pregnancy was causing embarrassment to some family members—so she came to stay with us. In time, Sayumi decided she wanted to keep her baby, but the family, including her Christian father, remained firmly against it, even when Amaya was born. We prayed often that if it were God's will, He would change her father's mind.

One night, in the hospital after the delivery, Sayumi was very sad that she would soon have to give up Amaya. Suddenly she understood how God felt when He gave up His Son for us, and she accepted Jesus as her Savior.

Later that week, her father visited Sayumi in the hospital and said, "Why don't you bring the baby home and try raising her yourself?" Sayumi was so thrilled and thankful to God! She returned home and soon after was baptized. Now, she's raising Amaya with her family, all of whom have welcomed the little one with open arms.

## Life Hope Network Client Statistics

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Client Visits	5	51	114	249
Abortion-Minded Clients	1	2	10	22
AMC Decisions to Carry	1	1	8	6
Gospel Presentations	0	14	16	27
Decisions for Christ	0	0	2	2

## Life Hope Network 2008 Accomplishments

- We received post-abortion training from LIFE International, added a post-abortion section to our homepage and started counseling post-abortion clients.
- We moved into a house, consolidating our office and home for pregnant women.
- We created a blog on the popular cell-phone internet in Japan, bringing in many new clients.
- The number of clients surpassed last year's!
- We hired our first manager.

## Life Hope Network 2009 Prayer Requests

- More dedicated counselors.
- Spiritual growth and protection for counselors.
- More regular support from Japanese churches.
- God's wisdom and love in all our dealings with clients.

## 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.



Manager Keiko Tarashima (far right) with client, baby, and two center members