



# Life Hope Network Nagoya, Japan



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## Nagoya, Japan

- Less than 2% of Japanese say they are Christian.<sup>1</sup>
- Nagoya is Japan's 4th largest city (2.2 million people).<sup>2</sup>
- Japan has approximately 342,000 abortions annually.<sup>3</sup>
- With a fertility rate of 1.21, Japan's population is declining.<sup>4</sup>
- The practice of "Mizuko Kuyo," is common in Japan. For a fee, many Buddhist temples perform a ceremony to appease the god Jizo and save the spirit of an aborted child.<sup>5</sup>

## Faithful for Five Years

We are about to celebrate 5 years since we opened Life Hope Network. God has been faithful and has turned many "hopeless" situations around, answered many prayers, and drawn us closer to Him. We want to move forward in the experience we have gained to do an even better job of helping and caring for our clients in 2010.

One thing that we have learned is that, as one counselor put it, "Rome wasn't built in a day." We would love to see women's lives changed quickly, but that rarely happens. We try to not only help women get through a pregnancy but also to help them come to know God and get their lives on track.

In 2009, we had a big heart-break due to a client in whom we had invested much time and who seemed to be going in the right direction. But she suddenly went back to old patterns and habits and plunged herself into a very bad situation. But by God's grace and mercy, we persevered and now she is married, truly changed and doing better than ever. We have been involved with her for 3.5 years now. I would say that it is that kind of involvement that is necessary in many situations. But it is well worth it! To balance that hard time, God sent us a client's mother who was very open and was baptized in a matter of 4 months. Please pray that we will have the faith and endurance to carry on for God's glory. Thank you so much.

## Life Hope Network 2009 Accomplishments

- We doubled the number of new clients to 133.
- 17 women made decisions not to abort.
- We had many post-abortion clients make progress as a result of our Steps to Healing study.
- We had three girls stay with us as homestays; the mother of one of these girls was baptized.

## Life Hope Network 2010 Goals

- To see more post-abortion clients and homestays come to know the Lord.
- To gain a few more strong, solid counselors in order to handle more growth.
- To strengthen ties with government workers, especially as advocates of adoption instead of placing children in orphanages.

## Life Hope Network 2010 Prayer Requests

- For daily spiritual strength.
- That we'll raise more financial support, especially from within Japan.
- For supernatural wisdom in the complicated situations of our 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

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