

JAPAN

STATE OF MISSIONS

POPULATION:
127,075,045



EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.5%



CHURCHES

7,907



ANNUAL EVANGELICAL GROWTH

-0.4%



Japan has religious freedom, and missionaries are welcomed there.

The Japanese are the second largest unreached people group in the world.



MISSIONARIES

1 Missionary for every
64,244 people



Missionaries in Japan
down 34% in 20 years



EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

1 CHURCH for EVERY
16,071



PASTORS over AGE 50

70%



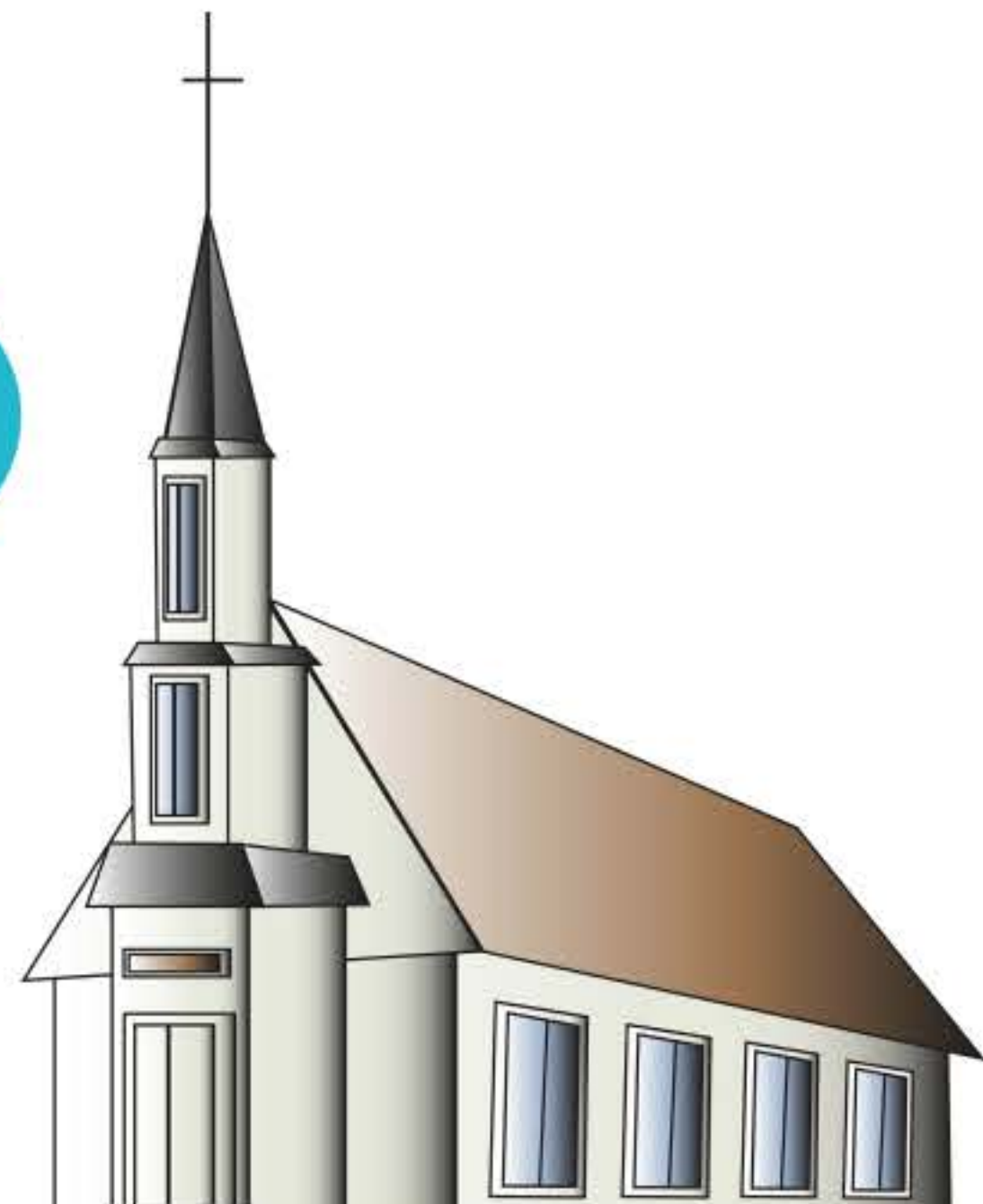
ATTENDEES per CHURCH

35



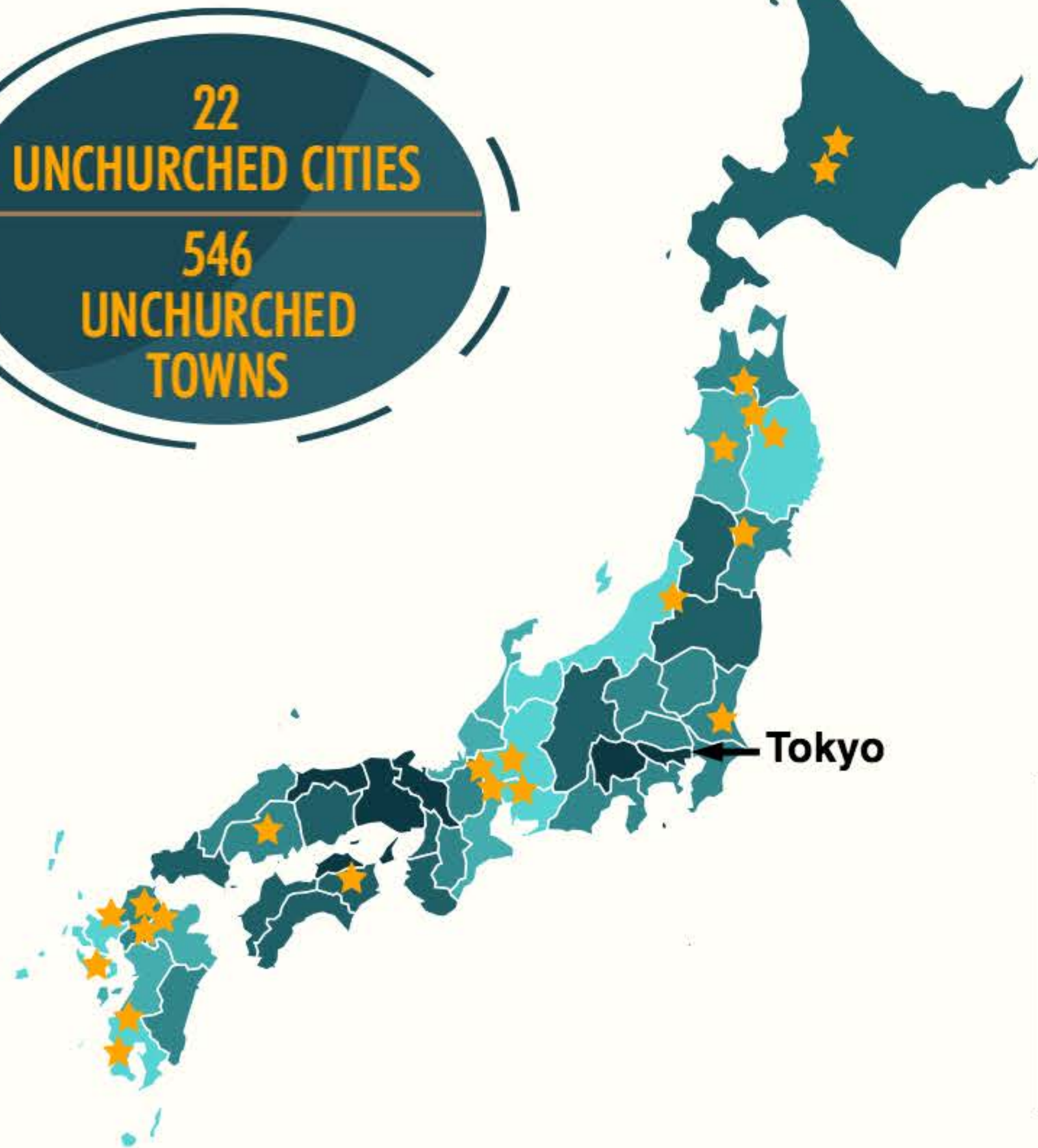
10 YEAR CHURCH GROWTH RATE

1.2%



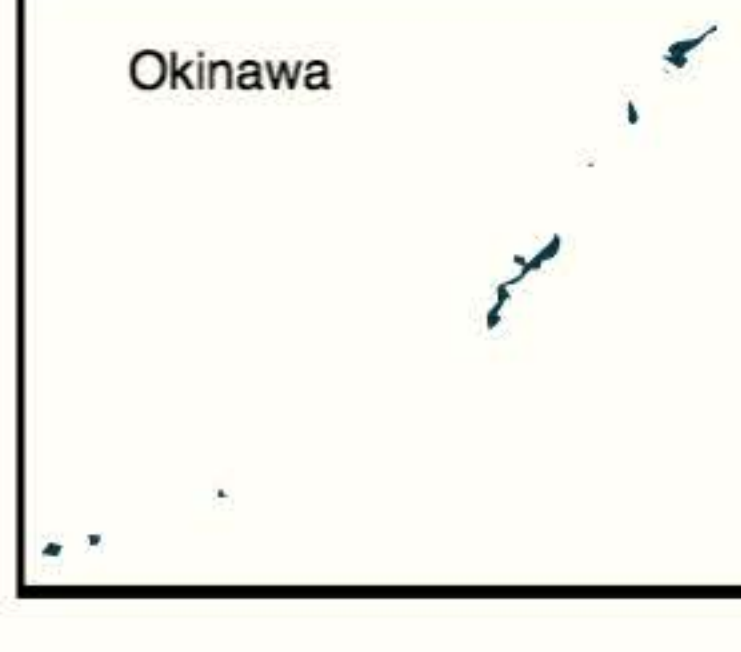
UNREACHED

22
UNCHURCHED CITIES
546
UNCHURCHED TOWNS



Population Per Church

- < 13,000 (Most Churched)
- 13,000 - 16,000
- 16,000 - 19,000
- 19,000 - 22,000
- >22,000 (Least Churched)



CURRENT MINISTRIES

Targeted Demographics 17%

Education 11%

Other 11%

Administration 5%

Unknown 3%

Media Based 3%

HELP
WANTED

Church Planting 49%

Ministry
Type
Breakdown

OPPORTUNITIES

Church
Ministries

Plant a new church or grow existing churches, which is at the heart of spreading the gospel to the unreached.

Teaching
and
Education

Teach missionary children in a school or reach out to the community through education.

Community
Development

Help those in need through the many relief efforts following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in 2011.

HOW COULD YOU SERVE?

Media
and
the
Arts

Reach out to the Japanese through literature, film, music, and art.

BAM
Business
as
Mission

Impact a community through innovative approaches such as entrepreneurship and business.

Hospitality
and
Recreation

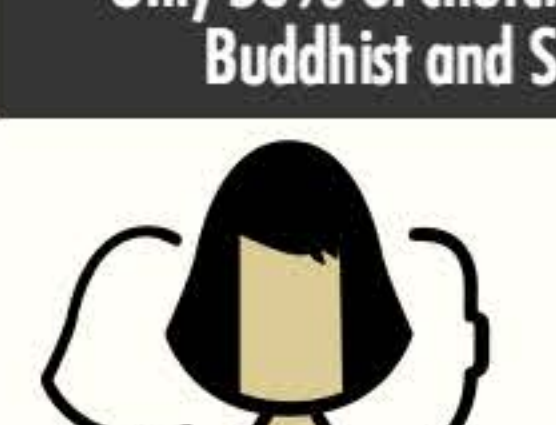
Serve the unreached through Christian camps or at a missionary retreat center.

CHALLENGES



A majority of Japanese are Buddhist and Shinto. These religions are a major part of their national identity.

Only 50% of church members attend church regularly. This may be because the Buddhist and Shinto religions have no weekly attendance expectations.



Women make up the majority of church attendees and are often sharing about God with their families, who may not affirm their new found faith.

The Japanese language is one the hardest languages for foreigners to learn and challenges many when sharing their faith with these unreached people.



WHAT NOW?



PRAY

Pray for the hearts and souls of the Japanese people and for those ministering to them.



GIVE

Give to churches, mission organizations, and missionaries dedicated to reaching the least reached in our world with the gospel.



GO

Go, serve, and share the love of Jesus with those who otherwise will never hear of their Savior.



SHARE

Tell others about the need for Jesus Christ in the country of Japan, so that they may also join God in his mission for the world.

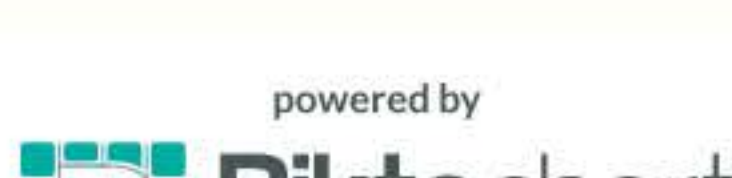
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