

Tony Ramsek's Blog (aka Newsletter)
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God at Work to Open Doors in Japan! Israel Mission Trip Deadline Approaching (August 18, 2026)



God is on the move! During our recent outreach in Japan, Korea, and Okinawa, we saw the Lord open amazing opportunities to share the life-changing message of Jesus with people hungry to hear the gospel. We praise God for drawing at least two individuals to saving faith in Christ and for the many meaningful conversations along the way. Check out the exciting report in the video below, and thank you for partnering with us through your prayers!

Also, the deadline to register for the [Israel Mission Trip and Holy Land Tour](#) is September 30th. Please email me at Tony@GospelEquip.org to register. We have three open slots left.

Japan 2026 Mission Trip Report



<https://youtu.be/CylYE2Cde9Y?si=UzzkQ1YV9wM3Q8D8>

This is a 69 minute video; see next page for a summary

This page is not part of Tony's blog. The Missions Committee added this AI-generated summary of the video.

Tony Ramsek reports on his recent 3-week gospel mission trip to Japan (mainly) and Korea.

Tony and friend Kurt Striker shared the gospel via street evangelism, tracts, conversations, and church partnerships, emphasizing prayer's role and God's work despite Japan's closed "missionary graveyard" culture (Shinto/Buddhist mix, <0.1% Christian). They visited Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima, Okinawa (karate tournament), and Seoul (to see his daughter). Stories include divine appointments leading to open discussions, possible conversions, tract distributions (adapted culturally, e.g., two-handed), and encouragement of local believers. Korea faces similar secular challenges to the West.

Tony Ramsek's Japan/Korea mission trip report includes several personal evangelism stories. Here are four of them:

Airport encounter with a Jewish man (Levik):

At Cincinnati airport before departing, Tony approached a man wearing a yarmulke. They discussed Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), and Tony explained how Jesus fulfills both the sacrificial goat and the scapegoat as the ultimate propitiation and removal of sin. The man listened attentively but did not believe; Tony viewed it as planting a seed.

Airplane conversation with Alex:

On a connecting flight, Tony shared the gospel with an American named Alex who had very little Bible knowledge. Using verses on his iPad (such as Ecclesiastes 7:20 and Genesis), he explained sin and the need for salvation; Alex's cousin had been inviting him to church, so Tony saw himself as an answer to those prayers. A Bible teacher sitting in front later affirmed Tony's clear presentation.

David, the Chinese visitor in Tokyo:

Tony and Kurt met David, a man from mainland China who had been agnostic most of his life. The week before (while in Korea), another American had shared the Bible

and prayed for him, softening his heart. After a ~30-minute gospel conversation using the Ten Commandments and the cross, David appeared to respond in faith, joined them for sightseeing, attended Calvary Chapel Tokyo (his first church visit), and shared his spiritual journey with the congregation.

Benjamin from Iceland at dinner:

While eating in a small restaurant near Shibuya Crossing, Tony and Kurt struck up a conversation with Benjamin, an agnostic/atheist traveler. After discussing the spiritual climate of Iceland and presenting scientific/creation evidence for God (including the law of biogenesis), they gave him a harmony of the Gospels. When Benjamin could not pay for his meal, Tony covered it, which further motivated Benjamin to read the materials they provided.