

# Michael and Cathalain Carter

## Serving in Nagoya, Japan with Mission to the World (#11209)

### About the Carters



While Michael served as an intern in Chiba, Japan, God revealed to him the need for the gospel in this nation where many have never heard the message before. His heart for the Japanese led to a desire to do long-term ministry in Japan. In order to be better equipped, he returned to the U.S. where he is working towards his master's degrees in biblical studies and teaching English as a second language.

For two years Cathalain's family was stationed in Japan. She was exposed to the Japanese culture by living off base and attending a Japanese school. Although Cathalain was young, this experience shaped her love for other cultures. After graduating from Florida Southern College she taught high school in Virginia.

Michael and Cathalain met in Virginia and were married in May 2007. Together they share a heart for the Japanese and have been called to serve the Lord on the church-planting team in Nagoya, Japan. Currently they reside in Lakeland, FL where the couple is involved in Parker Street Ministries, a neighborhood revitalization project.



### The Spiritual Need in Japan

- Less than 1% of Japanese profess Evangelical Christianity, categorizing them as an unreached people group
- There is one church for every 16,000 people in Japan; in Nagoya there is one church for every 26,000 people
- Cultural pressures led to over 33,000 suicides in 2007 and continue to increase depression rates

### Current Ministries in Nagoya



- Two church plants with team involvement in five area churches (Four of the five churches are led by nationals)
  - Various evangelistic ministries including small group Bible studies, English classes, Mom and Kid's club, cooking classes and ministry to college students
  - Short-term mission trips
  - International Christian Academy of Nagoya (ICAN) – Currently there are 130 kids from preschool to 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are mostly Japanese. The school is expanding to offer 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008-2009.
- Seminary for training and equipping national leaders led by the Nagoya Theological Training Team

### Partnering with the Carters

The Carters desire to join the Nagoya Church-Planting team in Fall 2009. Once in Nagoya, Michael will assist in leading evangelistic English classes, lead Bible studies and assist in church-planting. Michael and Cathalain will also be involved in ministering to the college students in Nagoya.

Currently the Carters are looking to build financial and prayer partnerships with individuals and churches. The Carters need to raise approximately \$9,800 in monthly support. This includes salary, benefits, ministry expenses, home assignments, travel expenses and other various costs. Please prayerfully consider partnering with the Carters in their ministry to the Japanese people.



### Partnership through Prayer

- Pray for the Carter's itineration process
- Pray for the growth of Christianity to continue in Nagoya
- Pray for national leaders to rise up and lead within the Church
- Pray the Japanese would be equipped to reach other Asian Nations

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