

Meet Your Missionaries

Jon and Tammy Junker

Currently serving as church-planters with TEAM in Matsumoto, Japan



BIRTH PLACES: Tokyo, Japan (Jon), San Diego, CA (Tammy), Matsumoto, Japan (Jon Luc and Peter)

BIRTHDAYS: June 14 (Jon), May 25 (Tammy), July 2 (Jon Luc), June 11 (Peter)

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

Jon: reading, watching/playing sports, putting things together, reading the Bible through every year, Computers-Macs

Tammy: singing, writing memory verse songs, teaching women to study God's Word, nutrition

CHILDREN: Jon Luc(12), Peter (9),

FAVORITE VERSES: 2 Corinthians 4:4,5 (Jon), Romans 8:28,29 (Tammy)

SALVATION AGE: 10 (Jon), 12 (Tammy)

EDUCATION: Jon: Tennessee Temple University, Grace Seminary in Winona Lake, IN

Tammy: Stanford University, Wheaton College (audited Bible courses)

TESTIMONIES:

Jon

I was raised in a Christian home where the importance of trusting in Christ was taught daily. I made many decisions for Christ, but I made a public confession of faith, followed shortly after by baptism at the age of 10. I was saved at 10, but it was in 10th grade that I chose to really follow Jesus as Lord. My attitude toward reading God's word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers suddenly changed, as I then had a strong desire to put Christ first in my life. I went to Tennessee Temple where God started speaking to me about missions. My senior year, I gave my life to serve the Lord as a missionary. The day I graduated from college, I started raising support and I was serving in Japan within a couple of weeks. I served in various ministries and opportunities with TEAM. I prayed about getting married, but I did not meet anyone that I felt I could share ministry with until I met Tammy. It was "love" at first sight. After almost 2 years of dating and engagement we were married. We have two boys that keep us on our toes and we love them a lot. It is good to be able to serve in Japan as a family.

Tammy

I trusted in Jesus in response to an altar call at the end of a Christian rock concert given by Calvary Chapel. My parents were nominal Christians who went to prosperity gospel churches and did not read the Bible. I didn't realize the depth of my sin or the need to submit to Jesus as Lord until junior year of college, when God used a trip to Japan, the Church of Christ cult, and Campus Crusade for Christ towards that end. I fell in love with Japan and Jesus during my last 2 years of college. It was on a short-term project with CCC in Osaka that God called me to missions in Japan. God continued to confirm that call during the 3 years I taught English in Japanese public jr. highs and worked with the youth at my local church in Japan. After that teaching job, I returned to Japan as a short-termer with TEAM. It was the summer after my first year that I met Jon during TEAM's summer conference in Karuizawa. We were married in 1997 and have been serving together happily ever after!

HISTORY OF TEAM MINISTRY

Jon

1979 to 1982—teaching English and helping with Jon's parent's churches as a short term missionary.

1982 to 1986—Obtained Career Missionary status. Filled in for Jon's parents while they were on Home Assignment,

Japanese language study for two years, and helped in a church plant in Yokohama.

1986 to 1987—Home assignment to finish Graduate degree at Grace Seminary

1987 to 2007—Helped a missionary during some difficult times in Nara and then moved to Azumino area to rebuild a struggling church to become a reproducing church

2007 to the present—Central Nagano Ministry Initiative begins with the desire to help establish healthy, Biblical , reproducing churches. We are presently working at Abundant Life Church in Matsumoto.

Tammy

1994-1995—TEAM's OHH short-term worker in Takamatsu, Japan.

1997—Obtained career status with TEAM.

1998-2007—Led various ladies' meetings and Bible studies and taught English classes at the Azumino Family Chapel church plant.

2007 to present—Working with a struggling church in the area that has no pastor.

CURRENT MINISTRY WITH TEAM

Jon

I am presently the leader of the Central Nagano Ministry Initiative, working as a strategic coordinator with the local churches. I am the leader of a team of Japanese lay leaders and a pastor who are working to get a stalled church moving again. As we work to help this church grow into a healthy, vibrant one, we are also working together with local pastors and trying to broaden their vision of God's church in Matsumoto, and the value of working together. I work with a teaching team and am developing church leadership with the desire that this church will be able to continue in the future with or without a pastor. This year I have new responsibilities with TEAM, as I am now on the Ministry Area Leadership Team for Japan. I also continue to serve as the Culture Facilitator for Language and Culture for Ministry in Japan (LCMJ) where we are helping missionaries be better communicators of the Gospel.

Tammy

In an effort to build community, I prepare lunch and tea time after services. I also lead 2 ladies' Bible studies and teach Sunday school to ages 6 to 12. My desire is to train up church members to take over these ministries before we leave.

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